# THE PRINCES PRAYERS.

## THE FIRST AND second Part.

CONTAYNING CHRIstian and zealous Meditations for euery Day in the Weeke, Morning and Euening.

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# TO THE HIGH AND mighty Prince HENRY, eldeſt Sonne to the Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie: *Prince of great* Britaine *and Ireland*, Duke of *Cornwall*, &c. and Knight of the moſt *Noble Order of the Garter*.

OVT of the deare and duteous affection, which

both by the Lawes of God, iuſtice of nature, and vnreproueable rule of rightfull obedience, I owe vnto your moſt royall Father, my dread Soueraigne, and next vnto your Princely ſelf; I offer to your gracious acceptance this poore and homely preſent, more rich in ſubſtance, then in outward appearance, & yet farre more highly dignified, if it be but deigned your royall fauour. I haue beene ſo bold, (by aduiſe of good iudgement, and in regard of ſome ſmall merit,

rit, which theſe Prayers and Meditations are thought to carrie) to entitle them, *The Princes Prayers*. Not preſuming to ſquare you a method for meditating, or imagining them any way worthie your vſe, but onely, as another ſmall Treatiſe of like nature, which hath long time beene extant, vnder name of *The Kings Pſalmes* and *The Queenes Prayers*, haue had happy paſſage in the world, & (no doubt) done much good: Euen ſo, your Princely name, but gra-

cing these religious exercises, and they bearing your countenance to future cõtinuance, more profit may arise (by thē) then can be rashly promised, and renown your vertues beside, to endlesse remembrance.

I must confesse (and am the more sorrie for it) that the Book comes not in such seemely maner, as I could haue wished, or as befitted so Princelie a Patrones view, both in regard of mine owne slender abilitie, to performe matter of such moment, with answe-

aunſwerable ſtile and phraſe; as alſo the Printers too many imperfections, which although they haue vnwillingly(I dare ſay) eſcaped, yet might haue beene farre better reſpected. But if your Grace ſhall pleaſe to burie both our defects, in the truely royall affabilitie of your Princely minde, and in place of all wants, to let good will ſupplie the roome; I haue what I deſire, and which I will endeuour alſo hereafter much better to deſerue. Remaining now & euer

in hearty prayer, for your health and happineſſe: That no foule heart or hand at any time come neare you; no annoyance diſturbe you, or euill thought offend you; but the hand of heauen for euer to bleſſe you, and this land of Great *Britaine* long to enioy you.

*Your Graces louing Seruant, deſirous as yet to paſſe (publikely) vnnamed, till better meanes may make him worthy.*

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# THE PRINCES PRAYERS.

## Our Lords Prayer, with a briefe Paraphrase thereon.

Vr Father which art in Heauen: that is to say: Gracious, good and Almightie Father, thou art euery where with vs, albeit thy Maiesty doth most principally declare it selfe to bee in Heauen. Thou hast created nourished, maintained

and defended vs: Thou hast commanded vs to pray and beg of thee, and hast likewise most benignly promised vs assistance, succour and deliuerance in all our necessities.

Hallowed bee thy name: As much to say, As, do thou cause, that thy blessed name and thy selfe may be rightly knowne, euen according as thou hast manifested the same in thy holy worde. That thou maiest also be esteemed, valued and honoured: according as thou oughtest to bee, both in our words and works, as also in our holy and Christian conuersation.

Thy Kindome come Herein wee say, Grant Lord vnto vs, that thy sacred word may be in perfect efficacie among vs: so that we may receiue it, cleaue fast vnto it, and encrease dayly in the know

knowledge of those things, which therein are reuealed vnto vs. Graunt likewise, that others (yet wandring) may agree and ioyne themselues thereto, and that it may haue a powerfull passage, thorough the world: yea in such sort that all may bee reduced to the Kingdome of thy grace, to bee truely partakers of their redemption and saluation.

Thy will bee done in earth as it is in Heauen: That is to say: Let thy will onelie bee done, and not the will of the deuill, or of thy other enemies: that exalt themselues against thy worde, to hinder or oppresse the power thereof. Bee thou the meanes, that wee may daylie implore our selues, to doe what thou wouldst haue vs to doe: according as the Angels, and other celestial creatures, doe

euermore readily addict themselues thereto. And that (by patience) wee may either suppresse, surpasse, or ouercome, whatsoeuer we are to suffer vnder the same.

Giue vs this day our daylie bread: Herein we desire that it would please thee (as thou doest for the soule) so likewise to prouide for the bodie, all such things as are necessarily belonging thereto. As, in giuing vs nourishment, cloathing, peace, direction, good fame, wholsome seasons, and all other gratious blessings, for maintenance of this life.

Forgiue vs our trespasses, as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs: Hereby wee intreate thee that thou wilt take no note of those faults, errours or transgressions, which euery instant is to be found in vs: but rather to take

take pittie and compassion vpon vs, and to giue vs (by thy grace) remission of our sinnes, promised and assured vnto vs in thy holy Gospell. Assist vs also (O Lord) that (after thine example) euery one of vs may willingly, and from the bottome of our hearts, pardon all such as haue offended against vs.

Leade vs not into temptation. Hereby we vnderstand that during this life, we are ordinarily to bee assailed by our owne flesh, and many other wicked sinfull desires, whereunto wee are by nature inclined. Wee are likewise oftentimes sollicited to such offences, both by euill company, and lewd examples: For the world takes delight to heate our blood, firing vs with impatience, and prouoking vs to bad

actions. The deuill also (as a busie intermedler) casts his impoisoned arrowes amongst vs, and by them he wounds vs very often. Hee labours to get Faith, hope and Charitie from vs, and to throwe vs headlong into incredulitie, desperation, blasphemie, denying of God and such like detestable iniquities. Wherefore (deare Father) most humbly wee beseech thee, that thou wilt neuer suffer vs to fall by any of these temptations.

But deliuer vs from euil: As much to say. As, doe thou (Lord) aide and assist vs, for no way else can wee escape all those euill inconueniences, whereinto our aduersaries labour to deiect vs.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glorie, for euer and euer: Amen. Heereby (Lord) wee truely know, that

that all power is only thine and therefore thou hast both power and will to helpe vs: For thine authoritie is ouer all things. Thou art mercifull, and hast promised to heare vs. Wee doe then assure our selues, and neuer will doubt of it, but thou wilt graunt vs any thing, whichthou dost knsw(much better then we) to be needful for vs.

## A Prayer at entrance into Church.

Almighty God & heauenly Father, trusting in the multitude of thy mercies, dutifully doe I enter into this thy house, and (in thy feare) doe I prostrate my selfe in the Pallace of thy holinesse. Oh thou that art Eternall, conduct me in thy

righteousnes: prepare thy way, and make it perfect before mee: leade mee in the path of thy holy ordinances: For thou art my God, and the Lord of my saluation. I loue thy house and gladly desire to bee in the assembly of thy Saints, such as confesse and sing thy praises. Oh Lord God of hosts, how amiable are thy tabernacles and dwellings? my soule is earnestly couetous, to bee but in the Porch of any one of them.

Come then let vs altogether worship and fall down before the Lorde that hath made vs. For hee is our God, and wee are his people, yea the sheepe of his pasture. Exalte the name of the Eternall, our God, and let vs prostrate our selues before his foot-stoole, for he is holy. O my God, in the

assembly of thy Saints, here doe I present my petitions vnto thee, in the time of thy good pleasure, heare me: according to thine owne great goodnesse, and the stedfastie I doe constantly repose in thy succour. So bee it.

For Assistance of the blessed Spirit of Grace, to make our prayers effectuall.

ETernall and most mercifull God in regarde wee neither know, or can comprehend, what wee ought to demaund, or how we should direct our prayers vnto thee, because thou art alwaies readie to giue vs much more, then wee vnderstand how either to deserue or desire: Wee humbly beseech thee, that (according to thine owne promi-

ses) it would please thee to ouerspread vs (at this instant) with thy good spirite of grace and prayer, to the end, that, with vnspeakeable sighes and groanes, it may make intercession to thee for vs: and so enable vs, that in true zeale, both with our hearts & mouths wee may call vpon thee, offering thee the sacrifice of praise and prayer, which is most pleasing and acceptable vnto thee.

Lord, open thou our lips, and then our mouthes shall sound forth thy praise. Awake our dull soules, that we may not presume to approch neere thee, with vaine lippe-labour, or idle honor of the mouth, our harts being too farre off from thee. But giue vs the grace, that wee may call vpon thee as true worshippers do in spirit

rit and truth, vsing all the parts of our affection, vnderstanding and thoughts, without any appetite to hypocrisie or vaineglory. Let our desires bee such, as are conformable to thy heauenly will, the illustration of thy glorie, and for the saluation of our owne soules.

Grant also (good Father) that our faith in praying may bee firme, not any way wauering or doubtfull, but that wee shall effectually obtain from thy bounty, whatsoeuer (in dutie) wee can desire of thee. Let not vs (Lorde) prescribe thee anie times, or meanes for attention to vs: but at all seasons and in all occasions, in firme hope, patience and humility of heart, wee may submit our selues to thy good pleasure, which euermore best becommeth true Christians.

Giue

Giue vs grace that in pre-
senting our supplications
to thee, we neither build nor
put any confidence in our
owne righteousnes: but in
thy boundlesse compassions
and the name of thy beloued
Sonne Iesus Christ, thor-
ough whom, we haue bold-
nesse to present our selues
before thy throne, and in the
confidence of children, dare
call thee our Father. So
confirme vs, deare Father,
that our vnworthines, nor a
ny other sinfull considerati-
ons, whatsoeuer, be any hin
drance or impediment to
our prayers.

Assist vs O most louing
God in such sort, that we (in
all places) lifting vp vnpol-
luted hands to thee, without
dread or distrust: and (insist-
ing vpon prayers, supplica-
tions and thanksgiuing for
all men) may (according to
thy

thy promises) receiue from thy benignitie, al good gifts whatsoeuer, both spirituall and corporall. So be it.

A Prayer for the morning.

*Sunday.*

EVerliuing lord God, heauenly Father, thy great and Almighty name be euermore blessed, thy goodnes and mercy endlesly praised, thy wisedom and truth eternally honored: For thou (with thy hand) hast couered vs this perillous night past, suffering vs to rest and sleepe safely vnder the shadow of thy wings. Thou hast fatherly preserued vs from all the snares of the wicked enemy: wherefore we laude thy name, for the goodnes and meruailes which thou worckest for the chil-

children of men.

Wee will praise thee in the congregation, and thy worthinesse shall bee euermore in our mouthes. Our soules shall bielle thee (O Lord) & al that is within vs shall celebrate thy name: neuer forgetting or beeing vnmindfull of the good which thou hast done daylie for vs. Let then this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiuing, deliuered from our mouthes, and which wee present vnto thee this morning in true simplicitie of our hearts, bee gracious and acceptable in thy sight.

Wee cry vnto thee with all our might, that thou wouldest likewise this day defend vs, from all dangers both of our bodies & soules Giue charge to thy holy Angels, that they may keep vs in all our waies. Co-

uer

ner vs with thy buckler of saving health, and guide vs in the paths of thy commandements: that wee may bee unreprooueable in thy seruice according to thy will, and walke as becommeth the children of light.

Keepe farre off from vs spiritual deceiuings, & al the scandalls of ỹ world, stregthening vs in such sorte: as they may get no victory ouer vs, to make vs wilfully sinne against thee, or vrge thy displeasure by our iniquities. Direct vs by thy holie Spirit, to the end that wee may neuer vndertake, say, thinke, or speake anie thing, but what may be pleasing to thee, and answereable to the glorie of thy great Maiesty.

Beholde (O our Lorde God) heere doe we commit and offer our selues vnto thy

will

will, our soules, our bodies, with all their power and faculties inward or outward: Let vs bee to thee (deare Father) liuing, holy and pleasing sacrifices, rendring vnto thee such seruice as is reasonable and acceptable in thy sight. Suffer vs (O Lord) to be thine owne inheritance: and so gouerne our hearts, soules, and spirits, that (aboue all things) wee may onely know thee.

Now early in the morning listen to our cryes, frō the breake of day, haue wee waited and attended on thee Wee will celebrate thy praises euery morning, and neuer cease vntill the euening, Giue vs grace (O thou that art eternall) to perform this duety dayly. So be it.

Thanks-

Thankſgiuing for our Creation.

OMnipotent God and heauenly father, that waſt not created nor borne, but hadſt thy being from all eternity euen before there was anie beginning at all: we adore laude, and glorifie thee, rendring thee thanks from the bottome of our hearts, for all thy great bleſſings and benefits. More eſpecially, in that (by thy diuine word and power) thou haſt made the heauens, the earth, the Sun, the Moone and al creatures whatſoeuer that hath life or being, maintaining and ordering them by thy greate wiſedome, wee giue thee thankes alſo (eternall Father) becauſe by thy goodneſſe

nesse and mercie, thou hast ordered & diuided the earth with al creatures breathing thereon, making them serue for the vse of man.

But yet more principally wee praise thee our Creator and Lord God, that we being thy creatures thou hast endued vs with reason, and hast formed vs after thine owne Image and fashion, giuing vs bodies and soules and all the members beecoming the bodie, besides vnderstanding, iudgement and all the senses, which hitherto thou hast and dost most graciously maintaine in vs.

Thy goodnes is very admirable, and greate on our behalfe, for when wee were inclosed within our mothers wombes, euen there thou didst preserue and nourish vs. When it pleased thee to fetch vs thence, in grace thou

thou lokedst on vs and hast not made vs blind, deafe, dumbe, impotent, or imperfect. In thy meere mercie, thou wouldst not suffer vs to be brute beastes, destitute and depriued of reason. But what is hee that can declare the meruelous workes of the Almighty, or sufficiently extoll his gratious goodnes? who shall recite his worthie praises? There is no one that can recount his wonderfull blessings.

Now albeit wee our selues are poore and wretched sinners, and cannot so sufficientlie praise thee, as either wee ought to doe, or as thou worthely deseruest: yet will we not be silent, or hold our peace, but perpetually applaud thy holy name, and (to our vttermost) expresse thy great mercies. We will proclaime thy Iustice, louing

louing kindneſſe, and limitleſſe compaſſion, ſo long as wee ſhall liue: and neuer will wee forget thy many bleſſinges beſtowed on vs, while any iote of breath remaineth within vs. Our mouthes ſhall recount dayly, thy gratious deliuerances, albeit wee are not able to number them or name them: And theſe tongues which thou haſt created in vs, ſhall bee imployed to publiſh continually thy great glory, ſaying.

Wee will giue thanks to our Lord God in his holie place, we will praiſe him in his outſtretched power, we will land his name in his wonderfull works, and (according to the height of his Maieſtie) let all things that doe breath, praiſe the Lord. So be it.

A

A Prayer for the remission of our sinnes.

MOst Mercifull God and loving Father, our sins are grieuous, our iniquities are multiplied, growing very powerfull, and our transgressions are not to be numbred. For from our youth, all our thoughts and cogitations haue beene inclined to euill, and who is hee (Lord) that can count how oftentimes hee hath offended? Wee know our owne iniquities, and our sinnes are euermore before vs. Chiefly against thee haue wee transgressed, and done that which hath beene displeasing in thy sight: That thou mightest bee knowne for iust, when thou speakest and

and found cleare, when thou iudgest or giuest correction.

But wee beseech thee (O our Lord God) for thy great mercies sake, that thou wilt not enter into iudgement with vs thy poore seruants, for (before thee) no man liuing can be found righteous If thou thatart eternal, haue an eye to our misdeeds, who is able to endure it? And if thou contend with wretched man, of a thousand Articles who can answer poore one? For the very iustest of al our actions whatsoeuer, in thy sight are like to a foule fulyed cloth, Take pittie therefore vpon vs, according to thy owne benignity, and in the multitude of thy mercies wipe out our iniquities. O Lord heale our fainting sick soules, dying: because wee haue so grieuously sinned against thee. Bee mindfull (deare

our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

For the prosperous estate of Gods Church.

FAther of all mercie, that assemblest and maintainest heere vpon earth, a sanctified congregation or church, by thy word and blessed spirit: wee pray vnto thee for thy poore and little flocke, which (by thy grace) hath receiued, embraced, honored, and aduanced thy word, And that it would please thee, daily to continue it firm and constant vnto thee, with pure, sound and wholsome doctrine: as also the true vsage of thy Sacraments, euen against the gates of hell the fury and outrages of the Deuill, and the malice or tyranny

rannay of this wicked world.

Preserue thy little Ship, and all thy faithful seruants saying in the midst of this tempestuous Sea: blesse it as it floates on the raging billowes, that it sinke not, perish not, nor bee ouerwhelmed. Let thy Church continue constant and immoueable vpon that foundation whereon thee is builded. Oh God of Hosts, returne wee beseech thee, looke downe from Heauen, see and visite thy Vine: making dayly those grafts to prosper which thy right hand hath planted, and those to spread fairely, which thou hast elected: that their branches may extend foorth both in length and strength.

Engirt it round about with

with thy shield of defence, and receiue vs (a parcell of thy poore flocke) into thy protection, that none may make spoile of vs, or take vs out of thy handes. Preserue vs from all them that labour to tread downe thy truth of doctrine, therby to establish and confirme their own abhominable Idolatries.

The light of thy diuine worde, whereby at this instant our steps are so brightly directed: O bee thou our soule and safe defence, that it may neuer bee suppressed or extinguished. Thy arme being so strong and powerfull, extend it foorth so farre in thy Churches behalfe, that in the midst of so many troubles and temptations, which it suffers heere beneath and amongst vs: yet thine owne chosen may euer

know thee, & religiously serue thee to the honor, worship, and glorie of thy holy name. Lord deale not with vs according to our sinnes deseruing, for thou hast oftē heretofore pardoned the iniquities of thy people, thou hast withdrawne thy great conceiued displeasure, and moderatelie abated thy iust anger.

Oh God, in whom alone consisteth the saluation of vs all, appeale thy furie, and come and comforte vs. Defend thy poore Christian flocke, whose dependance is onely vpon thee, and who hath no other support or protection but thee. Wee beseech thee then (O euerliuing Father) that for the sake of thy dearely beloued Sonne Jesus Christ, it may please thee to lend attention to our prayers and not to be silent

silent when wee complaine vnto thee: that thy blessed name may neuer be blamed, or the wicked say: Where is now their God? So bee it.

For the Ministers of Gods word.

ALmighty God, who by thy best beloued Sonne Iesus Christ, hast commaundedvs to pray vnto thee, that thou wouldest send workemen into thy Harnest andalso hast most benignly promised to heare vs: wee beseech thee for thy deare Sonnes sake, that it would please thee: to bestow vppon thy Church a bountifull number of faithfull Ministers and Preachers of thy word. Make them wise and skilfull in the sacred Scrip-

tures, endue them with thy sanctified Spirit: enrich them with true vnderstanding of thy word, to the end that they may expound the Scriptures without corruption, instructing vs in the true way to eternall life, and admonishing vs how to beware of false religion, and traditions of men, with all other venemous poysons of the soule, that wee may continue safely in the soundnes of true doctrine and faith.

For otherwise how should wee beleeue, what we neuer heard before? and how should we heare, but by thy Preachers? and how should they preach, except they bee sent? Ordaine then (deare Father) such Bishops in thy Church, as may bee taught of thee, good Doctors and Preachers of sound doctrine, faithful pastours, who beeing

beeing instructed effectually by thy blessed Spirit, may maintain thy Church which thy Sonne hath dearely bought with his most pzetious blond. Let them publish and proclaime thy truth with effectuall fructifying, foz the glozie of thy holy name, and aduancement of the Gospell, which is thy faithfull and most wozthy wozd.

Let them giue assurance and consolation to distressed consciences against all the temptations of Sathan, and this wicked wozld. Make them (Oh God) powerfull in exhozting by sound doctrine, and vanquishing the gaine-sayers, to stoppe the mouthes of thy aduersaries, and vtterly to ruinate, conquer, & ouercome the kingdome of the deuill. Let them likewise giue good exam-

ple to the Church, by their owne honest conuersation: that all scandall may bee auoided, and no person may receiue occasion, to fall off from faith, by the badde life or lewde behauiour of anie one.

Mercifull God let vs neuer be afflicted with famine or scarcitie of thy word, and suffer vs neuer to be vnprouided of sincere Preachers. Let not thy truth bee taken from vs by our ingratitude and preserue vs from false teachers, vnfaithfull hirelings, and all such as come of themselues, without thy sending. Heare vs O heauenly Father, in the name of thy Sonne Iesus Christ. So be it.

For

For such as are hearers of gods word.

GReat God, and most louing Father in meere bounty and charitie, hast thou cleerely manifested and giuen vnto vs thy diuine word, the wholesome doctrine of the Gospell: which is the spirituall sustenance of our soules, and a powerfull or heauenly vertue for the saluation of al beleeuers For thy Sonne himselfe saith: Blessed are they which heare the worde of God, and keepe it. Also, If any one keep my word, hee shall neuer see death.

Wee pray vnto thee then (Oh God) for all the hearers of thy holie Gospell. Open both our hearts and eares

eares, that they and we may with profit, listen vnto thy word: and hauing heedfull regard thereunto: wee may diligently apprehend and retaine, whatsoeuer is therein required of vs, for the confirmation of our faith, and amendment of our sinfull liues.

Make thou thy worde to dwell plenteously in vs, with all wisedom, and giue strength (by thy blessed Spirit) to the preaching of thy Gospel: that we may receiue the doctrine thereof, not as meerly from men but as being thy sanctified word. And so walke worthily hereafter as best becommeth thy deare children, and maketh most for the glorie of thy holy name.

O Lord our God, make the seede of thy sauing Doctrine, to take deepe roote in our

our hearts, and plentifully to bring foorth fruite. Chase away and bridle the deuill, that he steale not this liuing seede out of our hearts: neither suffer vs not to bee as forgetfull hearers therof, but that we may effectually put thy word to the proofe. Let vs neuer be incōstant, ware weake, denie or forsake our faith in the times of temptation, aduersitie, or persecution: but giue vs thy gracious assistance, that this sanctified seed of thy heauenly word may not bee choakt or smothered vp, by the solicitudes treasures or voluptuousnes of this life.

Preserue vs so (good God) that we may neuer be found in the company of contemners or mockers: who walke securely after their owne concupiscences, and listen vnto thy worde with

with perverted hearts, and stiffenecked vnderstanding, euen for their owne proper ruine and condemnation. Eternall Father, giue vs grace to receiue with ioy, zeale and good deuotion, all sound Doctrines, admonitions or faithfull reprehensions, tending to our liues amendment: laying them vp in a good & honest heart and bringing forth the fruits thereof in hope and patience.

Lorde, let vs persevere therein, euen vnto the end, that we throwing off all the soile and superfluitie of sinfull wretchednes: may entertaine the sweetnesse of thy worde, and haue it soundly planted in vs, which onelie can saue our soules in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Against

Against sects and false doctrine.

MErcifull God, thou hast carefully admonished vs, to take heede of false Prophets, which come vnto vs in sheepes cloathing, and yet are inwardly rauenous woolues. Thou hast likewise tolde vs, that in the latter daies, (wherein wee now liue) there shall bee troublous times: Sathan transforming himselfe into an Angell of light, and false teachers, (workers of deceipt, making semblance to bee the Apostles of Christ) shall haue an outward appearance of piety, and yet denie the mighty power thereof.

Thou didst also foretell vs

vs, that there shall bee a reuolt and apostasie from pure Doctrine, and that the man of sinne, the sonne of perdition, namely Antichrist, shall then be reuealed. Assist vs therefore (Oh eternall God) that wee (embracing the direction of thy trueth) may shunne and escape all lying Spirits, the efficacie of falsehood and foule error, whatsoeuer apparance it shew it selfe vnto vs in. That wee neuer turning from true faith, or drawne from that soule aime of our saluation, may constantly continue in thy word vnto the ende, and not suffer our selues to bee seduced by any one, either by signes, vertues or lying miracles, or any other trains and deuises alluring to iniquity.

Grant (O Lord and father of lights,) that we may neuer

neuer be led by euery wind of Doctrine, the subtilties of men, and cunning crafte in false seducing: but round-circle thine elect in this wicked world, that they may neuer be induced to errour. Shorten the sinfull daies of these perillous times, and (by the breath of thy mouth) destroy lying Antichrist, the Authour of deceite and seducing and make an ende of all, by the comming of thy best beloued Sonne.

Defend vs also from those spirits, which raise vp sects an diuisions, those blood-thirsting woolues, that make no spare of thy flocke, those dispersers of false Doctrine, that drawe disciples after them: who being of a broken and confused sense, doe raise vp nothing but scandales

dals and diuisions. Deliuer vs from the Darnell, which the enemy soweth, and from all theeues, or murderers of soules.

Aide vs in such sort, that wee listning onely to thy voice, and pursuing the same in heart, with true faith and sincere obedience: thy word may be our certain rule, our touchstone to trie and approue all Doctrines by, that we auoyding all strangers voices, may beare no affection to any other, or shake handes with iniquitie. Graunt vs (deare Father) good courage to the end, and in the end, and when Iesus Christ our Lord shall come at the last day, strengthen vs, and let vs neuer be confounded. So be it.

A Prayer for the Euening.

ETernall God and most gratious father we lift vpour hands to thee, as an euening sacrifice, praysing, blessing, and yeelding thee thanks with our harts, because thou hast so louingly preserued vs this day, and all the whole time of our liues hitherto, by the ministry of thy holy Angels, frō all harmes and annoyances, of bad and wicked spirits.

Wee humbly beseech thee to pardon al our sinnes, and whatsoeuer we haue cōmitted against thy diuine will: that thy blessed Angels abiding this night and euermore by vs: may pitch their campe about vs, watching for vs and our securityshielding

ding mee from the snares, ginnes and deceites of euill spirits, and (wee thy poore creatures) may euer bee defended by thy goodnesse and mercy.

Preserue vs by thy power, for in the night season, will we call vpon thee with our soules, and our spirits shall waite and watch continually for thee. Constantly doe we attend on thy goodnesse, and our soules put their trust in thee the liuing God, because thou art our refuge and faithfull Sauiour.

Behold Lord, whether we wake or sleepe, wee are only thine, whether wee liue or dye, thou art euermore our God, and hee that hath made vs: Therefore we cry vnto thee, desiring that thy grace may neuer be farre off from vs, but that thy buckler

ler of defence, may alwaies protect vs: be gracious vnto vs, ỹ we may lie down quietly, sleepe sweetly, & wake againe healthfully. In the euill times, withdraw vs into thy secret dwelling, keepe vs securely within thy Panilion, and lift vs vp vpon thy rocke, that wee may not bee afraide of any thing.

And although we walke in the vale and shadow of death, yet will wee not feare any mischance: For thou art with vs, thy rod and Shepheards crooke doth continually comfort vs. Giue vs grace, that though our bodies (by sleepe) doe take their naturall rest, that our soules may euermore watch with thee, retaining thee daily in our hearts, and neuer parting from thee in our spirits. Deliuer vs frō lewde

lewde & dishonest dreames, from vnquiet and turbulent slumbers, from vaine cares and cogitations, from dread full & displeasing thoughts and such like offensiue tormentes. Oh Lord God, into thy holy protection, we commit both our soules and bodies, our Children, Brethren, Sisters, and all our kindred, alliance, friends and acquaintance. Shaddow vs all this night with thy benignity, inuiron vs round about with thy grace, and in thy mercy so protect vs: that our soules and bodies may be safe, and free from al dangers. So be it.

Munday

## Munday.

### A Prayer for the Morning.

MOst louing GOD and heauenly father, by thy holy Law y hast appointed to thy people, that euery morning they should offer sacrifice vnto thee, thanking thee for their safe protection. Now therefore at this instant, wee present thee our Sacrifice of Prayse and thankesgiuing

uing that is to say, the fruite of our lips and hearts together, blessing thy holy name because (by thy great mercy) thou hast preserued vs this night past, from all inconueniences and mischances.

Thou hast kept our soules and bodies, and most Fatherly hast defended them, against the wicked spirit our deadly enemie: For if thou hadst not beene our shield and soule preseruer, infinite mishaps had laide hold vpon vs, and neuer could wee haue risen in safety. By good right therefore ought we to giue thee thankes, for thy most gracious and louing protection.

Againe doe wee cry vnto thee deare Father, euen frō the bottome of our hearts, and present our prayers and supplications vnto thee this morning, humbly intreating

ting thee, that this day also and euermore hereafter, thou wilt defend vs together with all that are appertaining to vs, from the crafty and subtil policies of Sathan: Deliuering vs from sinne, shame, & dishonour, and al euils whatsoeuer.

Go thou before vs (by thy grace) this morning, for (without thee) wee are able to doe nothing. Assist vs (O Lord God) that this day we may happily begin, and Christianly finish all our actions in thy name, for the glory of thy Diuine Maiestie, and sauing health of our neighbours.

Safe keepe (wee beseech thee) our soules, our spirits, our senses & our thoughts, and so order whatsoeuer we shall doe, or leaue vndone, that the Deuill may haue no power to endanger vs. Deliuer

liuer vs from that euill which offendeth people at mid-day, and preserue vs from all our enemies visible and inuisible: that neither publiquely or priuately they hurte or indanger vs, by their craft, subtilty, coniurations, treacheries, or any other wicked power and mischiefe.

O Lord God, Father and Master of our liues, defend vs also from shamelesse and immodest regards, and destroy in vs al wicked desires not suffering vs to fall either into gluttony, or drunkennesse, theft, or such like sinnes, nor let our hearts be proud or vainely puft vp. Assist vs, that we may plucke out and cast from vs our offensiue eyes, and all those members that would scandalize vs: rooting vp all euill and dishonest desires out

out of our hearts, and banishing far from vs, whatsoeuer is to thee displeasing, or to our selues preiudiciall. And grant vs grace, to doe what thou wouldest haue vs doe, and is most behouefull for vs, to the ende that we may serue thee in true faith and feare.

Beholde (O Lord God) here we surrender and commit our selues this day wholly vnto thee, to order and guide our steps by thy will and direction: let vs be to thee an acceptable sacrifice, and our seruice answerable in Iesus Christ our onely Sauiour. So be it.

A thankesgiuing for our Redemption.

LORD Iesus Christ, Sonne of the euer liuing God, that art the

bright splendore of thy Father, and the true stampe of his person engraven in thee. Thou wert neither made nor created, but begotten of him before all worlds: hauing the same essence and likenesse, in maiesty and glory with him. We adore, laud, praise, and honor thee, yeelding thee most humble thanks for all thy blessings: but more especially, because in the fulnesse of time (according to thine owne good will) in the vnity of thy person, thou didst please to take humane nature vpon thee, and wert borne of the euer blessed Virgin Marie.

Oh our deare Lord, when we were lost and condemned, euen then didst thou buy, saue and deliuer vs from sinne, death, and the power of the Diuell: not by any price of gold or siluer but

but with thy most holy and precious blood, yea, by thy passion and most innocent death. All which thou didst meerely in charity, fauour & mercy, without any worth or merit at all remaining in vs.

Oh Lord our God, how great was thy loue vnto mankinde, that thou being iust, wouldest die for the wicked and vniust? What charity can bee greater, then for a man to lay downe his life for his friends? But much more didst thou manifest thy most perfect and vnspeakeable loue vnto vs, because thou diedst not, whē we were thy friends: but euen then when wee were wretched sinners and thy mortall enemies.

By thy death didst thou make reconciliation with thy Father, thou diddest appease

peale his iust anger, and hast cancelled the heauie scrole written against vs. Whatsoeuer consisted in seuere ordinances, and made quite against vs, thou didst fasten to thy Crosse and there vterly deface it.

Thou didst dispoile the principalities and powers of darkenes, &(as triumphall Trophees therof)didst bring them forth to apparant sight. By thy glorious resurrection from the dead, thou didst also bring backe true righteousnes, innocency, saluation, and eternall life, for vs, and for all such as in their hearts do stedfastly beleeue in thee.

Oh most faithfull Sauiour, suffer not thy dolorous passion to be indignified, or vnworthily regarded, by most poore and miserable sinners: but assist vs with thy

thy grace, that henceforth wee liue not more to our selues then to thee, that dost suffer so sharpe death and rose againe for vs.

Let vs rise also from our sinnes, to liue onely in thee and for thee. Let vs liue vnder thee in thy kingdome, & serue thee in eternall righteousnes: for thou art ascended vp into heauen, and sittest at the right hand of thy Father, world without end Amen.

To obtaine true faith.

Lord God most mighty, Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shaddowe of change at all, from whom also euery good and perfect gift descendeth

downe vpon vs: We humbly beseech thee, (considering that faith consisteth not of all things,) that it would please thee by thy blessed spirit, to plant and preserue in our hearts, the true knowledge of thy Sonne Iesus Christ, and so to encrease it day by day, that being replenished with the knowledge of thy will, in all wisedome and spirituall vnderstanding: we may walke worthily as it becommeth vs and growe fruitfull in euery good worke, encreasing in faith, being so strengthned by the same, ẏ it may worke in vs thy glory, in all milde sufferance and patience of spirit.

Giue vs grace answerable to the richnesse of thy goodnesse, that we may bee powerfully ſtrengthened in the inward man, and that Christ may

may dwell in our hearts by faith. In regard also (O good God) that no man knoweth the Sonne but by thee, and no one can know thee (deare Father) but by the Son, and such vnto whom thou doest reueale him: we humbly intreate thee, that thou wilt draw vs to him, that thereby he may conduct vs to thee: so to obtaine the knowledge of saluation, which (in him) is the full remission of our sinnes.

Strengthen in our faith, whatsoeuer is infirme, though it be much lesse then a graine of mustard seede: make thou it so to increase, that thereby we may be rooted and builded in thee, there to remaine safe without any shaking.

O Lord our God, who hast kindled in vs the sparkes of faith, and there

haſt begunne ſo gracious a good worke, wee cry vnto thee, that it would pleaſe thee to perfect & ſupply the ſame vnto the end, that wee waxing more and more enriched in all knowledge and experience, and continuing pure, without any reproch: may be filled with the fruits of righteouſnes, vntill the day of Chriſt.

Aduance and maintaine the worke thou haſt begun in vs, that our faith may neuer faile in any afflictions or temptations.

But make vs conſtant in the true chriſtian confeſſion, thereby to attaine to the propoſed end of eternall ſaluation. Preſerue vs (O Lord God) that amidſt ſo many errours, partialities and hereſies as are in the world, our ſoules may neuer be ſeduced.

Keepe

Keepe vs from Idolatry superstition, all false seruice, and likewise from falling into errour, or doubt of any point or Article of our faith. Graunt vs the grace also that the same may neuer die in vs, without workes and vertues: that they being neuer idle, but working and declaring themselues by charitie, we may finally obtaine the true end of faith: namely the saluation of our soules. So be it.

For the kingdome of God.

Mercifull God, all good & most wise, who hast instructed and commanded vs before all other thinges, to seeke thy Kingdome, & the righteousnes thereof: we beseech thee grant vs the grace ỳ thy sacred word may be sincerely

cerely preached through the whole world. Also that our naturall reason, may be led as prisner by obedience to faith: in regard, we ought to liue holily as thy children, so that thy Kingdome may come, to be aduanced in and amongst vs, and that many other which as yet, likewise doe not beleeue in thy word, may be wonne thereto by our sanctified conuersation.

For we haue beene freely deliuered from the power of darkenes, and brought to the Kingdome of thy beloued Sonne Iesus Christ: in him wee haue redemption by his bloud, and free forgiuenesse of al our sinnes Assist vs therefore (O good God) that wee may euermore abide in thy kingdome by perseuering constantly in pure and sound Doctrine, & walking as becommeth the chil-

right equally distributed to euery one: and wee (abiding in safe protection) all things may redound to thy honour and glory, the vtility and prosperity of vs that are Subiects, in all ciuill manners, goodnesse and honesty, and the aduancement and flowrishing estate of the weale publique. So that whatsoeuer we possesse or enioy, may be in safety and assurance, and wee leade a peaceable life in all piety and vertue.

But because the heart of the King, and of all men beside, is in thy hand, to order and dispose them, as best pleaseth thee: we beseech thee (Oh most good and gracious God) that (in mercy) thou wouldest benignely alter the hearts of terrible outragious Tyrants, and inhumaine gouernors. So soften and

and allwage them, that they may vndertake no vnneceſſary warres: whereby the paſſage of thy Goſpell may be impeached, and peace impaired or diſtroyed.

Let them neuer torment the poore or miſerable, or afflict them by any vniuſt charges: but giue them conſideration, that they themſelues haue alſo a Lord in heauen, who makes no regarde of mens outward apparance, And that they ſhall one day come to yeeld him an account, of whatſoeuer they haue done heere vpon earth. Aſſiſt them O King of Kings, and (in the fauour of thy Sonne Jeſus Chriſt, who is iudge both of the dead and liuing) giue them grace, to be mindfull of thee in all things. So be it.

For

For Subiects.

OD and most louing Father thou hast apointed to all Subiects, that euery one should obey the Magistrate, that hath command or authority ouer him: considering, they doe it not onely for the preuention of punishments, but also for the keeping of a good conscience.

Most heartily wee beseech thee, to giue grace to vs and al subiects, in the true knowledge of this thine owne ordenance, let vs so vnderstand it, that each one of vs (in simplicitie of heart) may be obedient to his ordinary Magistrate, in al things that are not cõtrary to thy word. Let vs honor him, as being holily appointed and placed by thee. Let vs pray

pray for him, giuing him readily and willingly, whatsoeuer in dutie we stand bound to doo.

Eternall God assist vs, that none of vs either misprise our superiours, or speake euill of them in our heartes: for thou hast named them gods, and placed them thy Lieuetenants, to rule and gouerne vnder thee vpon earth. Therefore all such as rebell against them, doe bring a heauie condemnation on themselues, because therein they resist against thy diuine ordinance.

Giue grace likewise vnto all poore subiects, that they may not bee charged with new exactions, or hard seruitudes, neither oppressed, ouer constrained or dispoiled of their poore meanes, by any violence, extortion or tyranny. But if there be any, that are

are afflicted by their Gouernours, either with vniust exactions, or ouer strict commandes: Giue patience (good father) to those poore subiects, and let them support that crosse, as a proofe of their faith and obedience to thee.

Heare Lord their cries and prayers, iudge their cause, and mercifully looke vpon them: euen as sometimes thou hadst like care of the miserable calamitie, and grieuous oppression of the children of Israel, and deliueredst them (at length) by thy owne strong hand, from the most cruell seruitude of hard hearted Pharao.

Mercifull God, preserue vs from Pagane and vnchristian Magistrates, and suffer vs neuer to be subiect vnto strangers, Infidels or Idolaters: that may bee a scan-

scandall to thee, to vs or our posterity, and so procure vs to fall off from thy true religion.

Defend vs also from euery sinfull yoake, that we applie not our members to the seruice of iniquitie, or suffer sinne to haue any rule in our mortall bodies, thereby to haue both body and soule ouercharged: But be thou our fortresse of defence in all our necessities, thorough Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

## Against the enemies of Christian Faith.

LOrd God, wherefore are the wicked growne furious without any cause? And why doe the mighty mutinie, consulting together

ther against thee, and thy Sonne Jesus, whom thou hast annointed: O thou that art eternall, how are our enemies encreased? Many lift vp themselues against thy word, to abase and oppresse it (and in stead therof) to aduance their owne abhominable and false Doctrine, euen in thy Church.

They inuent craftie deuises, to confound them that confesse thy truth, their thoughts are set vpon euill doing, they growe great with this trauell: But doe thou disappoint them in their birth-bringing forth, and let them neuer see the end of their hellish enterprises.

They looke dayly vpon vs as Lyons after their prey, and are desirous to entrappe our soules, they open their throates

throats like a gaping graue, seeking dayly to swallow vs vp. But Lord doe thou deliuer vs from their intentions: For this peruerse company say in their hearts, that thou hast forgotten vs, and hidest thy countenance from vs, purposing neuer more to looke vpon vs.

Lift vp therefore (Lord) thy powerfull hand, and bee not vnmindfull of thy poore people. Awaken thy selfe, why doest thou sleepe? Come and be present with vs: Oh delay not so long, why shouldest thou turne away thy face, as forgetfull of our miseries and heauie oppressions?

Vp Lord vp, helpe and deliuer vs for thy goodnesse sake, let not our enemies haue any power to hurt vs, nor the wicked any meanes whereby to endanger vs.

Defend

Defend vs out of strangers hands, whose religion is vaine, and their workes meerely false: For they will not listen to any instruction, whereby to doe good, and they refuse to respect thee, who art Lord ouer all, neither make they any account of the workes of thy hands. Lord God of Hostes, fight against our offenders, graunt our christian Magistrats victory against the aduersaries of thy name. For conquest commeth from on high, and is not to be wonne by might or multitude: in regard that thou canst saue and defende with a few, when others repose their trust in many Breake therefore the arme of the vngodly, ouerthrowe their enterprises, that they may execute nothing without confusion.

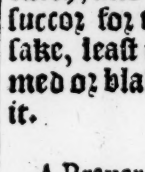
It is meete and conueni-

ent,

cut, that such as hate thee, & hope to exterminate thy heauenly word: should fall backward in their attempts, and flie as chaffe before the winde, thy holy Angell shal smite them a far off, because they shall not glory against thee saying: This our hand and power hath done.

Bee thou therefore (Oh Lord) onely honored vpon earth, and send vs alwaies succor for thine own names sake, least it should bee blamed or blasphemed. So bee it.

A Prayer for the Euening



Almighty God, the euer-liueing Father of Iesus Christ, we render thee most hartie thankes, because by thy most gracious protection,

on, thou hast louingly preserued vs all this day past, from any damage, distresse or danger. That fire hath had no power to offend vs nor the waues of water any strength to swallow vs: Sauage beasts haue not deuoured or torne vs, keen-edged weapons haue not wounded or smitten vs, our enemies haue not slaine vs, nor wicked people hurt vs. On the way, theeues and robbers haue not assaulted vs, neither hath sudden death or any euill preuailed against vs.

In briefe, it is by thy great mercy and goodnes, that wee haue escaped all perils of life and body. And therefore (of dutie) wee ought to giue thee most humble thankes, for it is thou that hast kept vs in all our wayes. In

confession of these vnspeakeable graces, wee are bold (deare Lord) to pray vnto thee, that it would please thee, to pardon all our iniquities, whereby in thought, deede or word all this day wee haue sinned against thee. This night likewise and all the time of our liues, defend vs vnder thy mercifull fauour, with all our children kindred friends, and acquaintance: Keep them, and vs from the deceits, and subtilties of Sathan, whereby night and day he labors to entrap vs. Defend vs from the dangerous plagu which walketh in darkenes, and preserue vs from the enemies snares, that follow swiftly to surprise our soules.

Bless vs from horrid visions, dreadfull dreames and

and gastly appaitions, with all other euilles of soule or bodie: For thou hast beene our powerfull defender, our only strength our shade against heate, our feete-guide from falling, our supoort and protection from all inconueniences. In briefe, the assurance of me and of vs all consists onely in thee.

Be thou then (O faithfull God) the watchman ouer vs, circle vs with thy safegarde, that the deuill gaine no meanes to endamage vs: For wee haue none other but thou that can saue vs.

Wee lift vp our eyes, only vnto thee, for thence commethour saluation, our helpe consisteth in the Lord of life, who hath made both heauen and earth. And euen as the eyes of ser-

uants, doe waite on the hands of their maisters, or those of the handmaide, on them of her mistresse, euen so (O eternall God) doe and shall our eyes attend vpon thee, vntill such time as thou please to take pitty vpon vs.

Come neere vnto vs then (deare Lord) in thy compassion, for wee are poore, wretched and miserable: Shew the brightnes of thy louing countenance vpon vs, and lighten our darkenesse, that wee sleepe not in death, or any other danger of body or soule. So be it.

## Tuesday.

### A Prayer for the Morning.

PRaised be thou (O God) Creator of heauen and earth, blessed be thou (Eternall Father) that onely worke st wonders, for euer be thy name sanctified and celebrated. For thou (in thy wisedome) hast Created and distinguished day from night, yea, thou hast ordayned, that so much as the earth containeth, no part thereof shall faile or

periſh, becauſe man may ſafely in the night ſeaſon receiue his reſt, and riſe the next day to his labour againe.

Oh omnipotent wiſedome, how wonderfull are thy workes? in thy diſcretion all things are made, & the earth is full of thy rich bounty. Wee ought therefore to render thee moſt harty thankes (euen from before the Sunne riſing) for all thy gratious bleſſings, and to preſent our ſelues before thee, ſo ſoone as day light begins to ſhew it ſelfe. In regard whereof, at this inſtant, we magnifie thy holy name becauſe this night thou haſt ſuffered vs to reſt and ſleepe ſecurely, and haſt wakened vs againe with ioy & ſound health. Thou haſt fatherly defended vs from

from the power and malice of the enemie: Now therefore wee beseech thee to imbrace and hugge our soules within thine owne hands, keepe our bodies in good health, according to thy gracious pleasure, preserue vs from all annoyance and damage, and protect vs as the signet vpon thine owne finger.

O our good God, since the houer is now come, and time calleth vs to awake out of the slumber of sinne and all other iniquities, signifying saluation to bee neare vs, the night now past, and cleare day approching: Assist vs now deare Father, that wee may cast aside the workes of darkenesse, and cloath our selues with the armor of light, walking honestly as fitteth day time. Not in drunken-

nesse, or surfetting, not in dissolutens or chambering, not in dissention & enmitie: but as newly reuested with faith, and a sanctified conuersation in Iesus Christ our Sauiour.

Lord doe thou awake vs euery morning, open our eares, that with a beleeuing heart, we may listen to thy word, and keepe it in continuall memorie.

Let them also be inclined and attentiue, to the cries and complaints of the poore afflicted, and neuer to forsake them in their necessities. Heare likewise (O God) the voice of our supplications, when we cry vnto thee in all our anguishes, and misconceit not our sighings, in the extremity of our liues.

Let our prayers come before thee early in the morning,

ning, and fill vs with thy graces by the breake of day so shall we reioyce and bee glad in thee all our life time, thorough thy Sonne Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour.

Thankesgiuing for our sactification.

O God the holy Ghost, which proceedest frō the Father and the Sonne, being vnited with them in the selfe-same eternitie, power and diuine essence: we praise, adore, land, glorifie and thanke thee, from the bottome of our hearts, for all thy great blessings. And principally, because thou hast called and conducted vs, (by thy grace) to be true members of the

Christian faith. Thou hast Communicated thy selfe vnto our soules in holy Baptisme, and pursuest still to compleat thine owne good worke in vs: because by the power of our owne proper reason, wee could haue no meanes how to beleeue in Iesus Christ, or abilitie else to come vnto him.

We humbly beseech thee that it may please thee to instruct and guide vs in al truth. Nourish and augment thine faith in vs, and grant vs the right vnderstanding of thy word: Sanctifye vs in calling vpon and beleeuing in thee granting vs the inward peace of conscience, with a setled consolation, courage and perseuerance.

And because thou art the finger of God, write thou

thou Iesus Christ within our hearts, assuring vs by thine owne testimony, that thou art our comfort against the feares and infirmities of the flesh. Faithfully defend vs against all accusations of the euill spirit, and confirme vs so against dispaire, that (throw thy gracious promises) we may be fortified in in faith, because thou art our onely earnest, for inheriting redemption.

Grant vs also true deuotion and zeale in praying, so that in the full assurance and confidence of children, we may cry and call to thee, saying: Abba deare Father.

And because at the Baptisme of our Lord Iesus Christ in Iordane, thou didest shew thy selfe in the forme of a Doue:

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Grant vs in heart the true simplicity of Doues, without any gaule or bitternesse, that so receiuing thy holy vnction, the fire of ardent charity may be kindled in vs, euen as in the likenesse of fiery tongues, thou didest descend vpon thine holy Apostels. Renue vs in the inward Man, and make thy word and Sacraments of such efficacie in vs, that wee beeing newly regenerate, may be preserued from all idolatrie, false doctrine, error and heresie.

Clense the impuritie of our vnderstanding, kill and quench in vs all disordinate desires of the flesh, suffer not the affections of sinne to raigne in our bodies: But making thine owne abiding in vs, doe thou beare sway in all our mem-

members, and guide vs to thy true eternall inheritance. So be it.

A Prayer for the obtaining of firme Hope.

LOrd our God, Creator of heauen and earth, in thee haue we put our trust, let vs neuer bee confounded.

Thou hast beene our hope and confidence from our youth, from our Mothers wombe haue we put our assurance in thee. Fill thou our hearts with ioy and peace in beleeuing, that in the vertue of thy sanctified Spirit (by patience and consolation in the Scriptures) we may plenteously abound in hope, & therin be so surely setled: that no despaire shall take holde

hold on vs in miseries or afflictions, but we to continue still fervent in Spirit, joyfull in hope, and patient in all tribulations whatsoever.

Let thy word be our sole guide, to the end wee may live, and never see confusion in the least part of our hope. Strengthen vs therein (O Lord) more & more, that continually wee may take delight in thy salvation: For thou art gracious to him that dependeth vpon thee, and to the Soule that longeth after thee.

It is a most precious thing to bee patient, and constantly confident in the Almightyes assistance: for he is never vnmindfull of the poore, and the hope of the afflicted shall not be lost for ever.

Our forefathers did put their

their trust in thee, & were alwayes deliuered, when they called vpon thee, their assurance was in thee, and they were not confounded. Therefore shall our hope bee also in thee, and come life or death, we will neuer flie from thee. Whatsoeuer is in our hearts, wee will declare vnto thee, for thou art the GOD of our hope, there is mercie and redemption in aboundance with thee.

Thy hand is not yet shortned, but of infinite power in assisting: wherefore it is good to trust in the Eternall, and neuer to put any confidence in men. Mischiefe waites on them that trust not in God, or doubts of his certaintie, and on the wicked, that haue no hope at all.

Wretchednesse followes

false and faint hearts, for they doe not beleeue, and therefore they cannot bee comforted. Misery swallowes vp such as make Shipwracke of patience, for what else in the end shal become of them, but death? Cursed is hee that trusteth in man, yea, in any other Creature, or any of his owne workes: for the hope of the Hypocrite shall perish, his assurance shall be frustrated, and his confidence quaile like the Spiders webbe. O Lord our God, let it be our resolution, that thou only art mercifull, and let our hearts reioyce in nothing else, but that thou wilt euer gladly helpe vs

Confirme this in vs, that we obtaining the hope proposed for vs, and cleauing therto as the sole An-

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ker-hold of our Soules: Our assurance may rest in thee, perfectly purified, as thou thy selfe art, and finally to receiue in full possession, that which we haue altogether hoped for here. So beit.

To haue true humilitie.

ALmightie God, the proud hart is an abhomination to thee, and cannot long escape vnpunished: for pride goeth before perdition, and height of spirit runnes before ruine.

O Lord of Hosts, thou hast alwaies reproued, and finally confounded the proud and arrogant. Thou disperset the proud in the thoughts of their owne harts:

harts: but giuest grace to the humble, and liftest vp the lowly out of the dust. Therfore we beseech thee, to giue vs true christian humility, that wee may learne to bee humble, and meek in heart, after the example of our Sauiour Iesus Christ: who being in the forme of God, thought it no robbery to be equall with God, and yet notwithstanding, hee abased himselfe, and tooke vpon him the shape of a seruant.

He was thus dejected to lift vs vp into eternal life, and to leaue vs an example of humiliation: wherefore preserue vs (O God) from all carnall and spirituall pride let it neuer ouer master our hearts, or words, because it is the beginning of all euill.

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ny good, there can nothing but wickednes come thereby, and whosoeuer is addicted thereto, must needs commit many abhominations. O giue vs grace therefore to haue alwaies in remembrance, that wee are but earth: then why should dust and ashes proudly exalt it self? What profit is there in pride, or what auaileth the vanity of riches? they doe all passe away euen as a shadow. Keep vs therefore (O our God) from spirituall pride and presumption, which neuer did good to any one, but hath caused many mischiefes one after another.

Let not vs grow arrogant, or be puffed vp by any of thy blessings bestowed vpon vs, to the end wee abuse them not, or blame them in others. For we

we haue nothing as of our selues, but whatsoeuer we enioy, proceedeth from thee. Let no man then grow proud of that, which he hath but receiued.

Assist vs therefore deare Father, that wee may not presume further then wee ought to doe, but shewing our selues modest, we may acknowledge our sinnes, hauing humble, contrite and lowly hearts, which thou neuer didst or wilt dispise.

Preserue vs also from the arrogant, that we may neuer bee the mockery of vainglorious men, or our soules sullied with the despisings of the high minded. But being deliuered from their oppressions, both we and all other may so humble our selues vnder thy mighty hand, that thou

thou maist exalt vs when thou thinkst it meet time. So be it.

For such as are Maried.

ALmighty god and most mercifull Father, thou hast instituted and ordained mariage, and takest delight, when husband and wife doe loue each other, dwell peaceably together, and (by generation of children) doe increase the world, for enlargement of thy Church, that thy blessed name may be eternally praised.

Therefore wee beseech thee, in regard that Satan is contrary to all thy holie ordinances, opposing himself powerfully against that

that sanctified estate, euer pursuing to ouerthrow it: That it would please thee to giue grace to all maried Christians, to take knowledge, that thou art the author of their condition, and to bee also assured in their consciences, that they liue in a good estate, which is acceptable to thee. Also, that therein they may doe thee good seruice, and bee saued, when they cheerfully performe what is required of them, and willingly follow the vocation appointed to them.

Let them alwaies feare thee, and (in concord and kind amity) liue christianly together: that eating their bread in the sweat of their browes, they may bring vp their children in all piety, and support (with equall patience) such afflictions,

tions, as vsually keepe company with that estate. Bridle thou (O Lord) the enemy to mariage, that he endaunger not or destroy this thine own ordinance: by making the married to hate or contemn their condition: or by catching them in his nets through incredulity: or by sowing his seed of dissension and enmity between them, when any vnkindnes or crosse accidents happen vnto them, mouing them then to commit adultery, or forsake one another.

Let him not seduce them, to fall into any deadly sin, disgrace or foule offence, or to liue in any dissolute sort, against God and a good conscience, either in quarrels, hatreds or contentions: whereby praier, and other good exercises of pi-

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ety may be impeached, thy Church scandalised, and thy holy Spirit displeased.

But merciull God, let all maried couples, dissenting or disagreeing, be reconciled in thy name, pardoning one another from the bottome of their harts, calling to remembrance, the league and promise which they made before thee, when they contracted holy mariage.

Let them liue together in loue and true loyaltie, hauing thy word in due honor, and diligently to liue thereafter. Let them alwaies hope and trust in thee, whensoeuer they are afflicted, euer honoring and praising thee by their conuersation and praiers: that (according to thy will) they may alwaies be found here in thy seruice, and after

ter this transitory lifes conclusion, be accompanied in thy kingdome, with all the faithfull that liued in mariage. So be it.

For Children and Youth.

MErcifull God and euerliuing Father, thou louest children, and didst command them to be brought into thy presence: because out of the mouthes of babes and sucklings, thou preparest the accomplishment of thine owne praises.

Thou hast also (for the same occasion) commanded, that Children should be brought vp in thy feare and knowledge, a matter no way to bee neglected.

Wherefore in fauour of thine owne deare Sonne, who (for our good) was borne a yong infant, and shedde his most pretious blood on the tree of the Crosse, as well for the least as for the greatest: we beseech thee giue grace to all Fathers and mothers of families, Maisters and Mistresses of Schooles or otherwise, to bring vp their children, youth and household carefully, in sound doctrine and knowledge of thy wil, to teach them good sciences all vertue and honesty, for the glory of thy diuine Maiesty, and saluation of their soules. So that euen from their infancy they may learn to know thee their Creator and Redeemer, to feare thee with all their harts, to trust in thee, and to liue according

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to thy holy commandements.

Suffer not youth to bee seduced by false doctrine, or seruice that is contrary to thy will, neither by anie vnchristian conuersation: Preserue them from euill companies, drunkennesse, slothfulnesse and vncleannesse, and let them not bee scandalized by lewd examples.

Giue grace to all children and youth, to learne, and be obedient to their fathers, Mothers, Superiors, and Teachers: to receiue instruction from them in simplicity of hart, that they may grow wise in the feare of God.

And because the heart of man is in such sort peruerted, by the fall of our first parents, that the imaginations and thoughts of our

harts, are vile and wicked euen from our very youth: May it please thee, to pluck vp those sinfull weeds in the hearts of youth, that they giue not the bridle ouer boldly to originall sin and corruption, whereby their wills doe wax wandring, giddy and obstinate.

Oh good God, plant in the harts of youth, a reuerend feare of thy name, and that the sanctifying Spirit (which they receiued in holy Baptisme) may guide and lead them to all good: And learning thy word, law, and commandements euen by heart (as it were) like pretious ornaments, they may weare them about their necks, seruing thee in true faith and christian obedience here beneath, till thou take them vp into all eternity. So be it.

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## Against the Kingdom of Sathan.

LORD Jesus Christ, GOD most gracious, in regard, that the Deuill is the Prince of this world, hath a mighty Army for defence of his dwelling, and augments or fortifies his kingdome continually by false doctrine, Idolatry, lies and all other kinds of contagious sins: we beseech thee therefore dere Father, (because thou art stronger then he, and hast vanquished that infernall Goliah, taking his weapons from him, bringing away his spoiles, and vtterlye weakning his kingdom of darknesse) that henceforth it would likewise please thee, by thine

omnipotent and diuine power, to destroy all the workes of the Diuell, and to keep vs from his cruell kingdome, wherein there is nothing but darknesse, incredulity, vices, sinnes, and all sorts of abhominations.

Lord Iesus Christ, Son of God, that art our true Sampson, our puissant and victorious Prince, by thy death thou hast swallowed vp eternall death in victory, taken his sting from him, destroied hell, deliuered them that were bound in the chaines of darknesse, and hast gotten from the enemy all power and authority.

Giue vs grace wee beseech thee, that we may by true faith continue in thy kingdome, and euen as when wee receiued holy Bap=

Baptisme, we bound our selues by oth and obligation, to thee and thy sacred Gospell, renouncing then, & denying the Deuill with all his workes: So strengthen vs to continue still constant in that bond of assurance, for if thou by thy vertue (O God) doe support vs, we shall stand vpright, but if thou withdraw thy hand from vs, wee fall downe flat.

Thou therefore, that camest into the world to saue thy people from their sins: wee call onely vpon thee, for vs and all them, for whom thou hast paied thy most precious blood: Oh let vs neuer see condemnation. Root vp whatsoeuer sinfull nature first planted and hath since perished in vs, and new stocke the ground againe, with thy

vndecaying graces.

Oh suffer not sinne to raigne in our mortall bodies, thereby to obey his couetous desires, or make our members instruments of iniquitie, so to bee sould as vassalles and slaues to sinne: But let our hearts be vtter enemies to all vnrighteousnesse, that flying from it as from hell, wee may offer our selues wholy to thee, O our God, and bee altogether dedicated to thy diuine seruice. So be it.

A Prayer for the Euening.

O Lord and most gracious God holy Father, since day began haue we lifted vp our voices vnto thee calling on thee onely when wee

we are in any distresse. And now at night also wee remembee thy fauour and fidelitie, whereof we haue al day tasted very bountifully.

But at this instant (as best becommeth vs) wee magnifie thy most glorious name, because in thy meere goodnesse, without any deserning or merit in vs, thou hast fatherly defended vs this day past, from an infinite number of damages and dangers, whereinto we might haue falne, but onely by thee.

For it comes from thine owne most louing kindnesse, that Sathan hath not smitten vs, with sudden and vnprouided death, that we haue not beene consumed by tempests, stormes, thunder and lightnings: that great gusts of whirle

windes haue not tome vs, that the subtill enemie hath not deceiued and destroyed vs, by mingling poysons in our meats and drinkes, or by his other infinite trecheries: But that wee remaine safe in soule and bodie. For all which great graces, now and at all times else we most humbly thanke thee, & pray thee in ỹ dolorous passion of Iesus Christ, to pardon vs all the faults which wee this day committed against thee and all the whole time of our liues hetherto.

Continue the like care ouer vs (good father) this night and euermore, bless vs from our deadly aduersary the Deuill, from all terrors and dreadfull accidents of this night, and let vs not be troubled with vain dreames or delusions

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Keepe our persons, and all appertaining vnto vs, from all mischances of fire or water, & from all other euills, either of soule or body. Suffer vs to sleepe peacefully, without solicitude or vexation: And that euen in the middest of the most horrid darkenesse, with the eyes of our soules we may discerne the bright splendor of thy grace clearely shining vpon vs, for thou art the true and very light indeede, clearing all obscurities that can engirt vs.

Lord God, thou art with vs, thou art our Rocke, our Castell, our Protector and Sauiour, of whom alwaies wee remaine assured: yea, thou art our shielde, the horne of our saluation, and our only defence.

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O Euerlining God, this night we lift vp our hands vnto thee, haſt thee to ſuccour and preſerue vs that our ſoule ſleepe not in ſinne, nor any caſualtie happen to our bodies.

Make vs in time conuenient, that (according to thy good pleaſure) in ſafety wee may ſee to morrow morning: For thou art hee that keepeſt our life, and filleſt vs, with euery happy bleſſing, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and ſole Redeemer. So be it.

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### A Prayer for the Morning.

OMnipotent & most gracious God, all creatures ought continually to celebrate thy name, and the fethered Foules of the ayre (in their flying vnder heauen) doe that way imploy their paines, singing melodiously euery morning (according to their maner & language) the prayses of thee their Lord and Creator.

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We hartily pray thee by the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, that thou wilt yet further defend vs, with all our children kindred & friends from any disaster or euill whatsoeuer. Repleuish also our soules this morning with thy mercy, that wee may passe this day in honest contentation, without contradicting thy commandements or falling into any deadly sinne.

Shew vs thy gratious countenance, as a faire cloude in the morning, or like a fresh spreading Rose that throwes his sweete verdure vpon the earth Spread thou likewise on vs the sweete semblance of thy goodnesse, refreshing and chearing our soules when they sit fainting, that wee may willingly and with

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with courage accomplish thy will. Gouerne vs by thy sanctified spirit, to serue thee, with a good heart, in true righteousnesse and holinesse, which alwaies are most pleasing to thee.

So order and direct vs, that this day wee sinne not presumptuously against thee, neither soile our soules, with carnall couetousnesse, which holdes a shrewde combate against the conscience.

Keepe our lips from euill, and our tongues from talking falsely or fraudulently: because fond and foolish wordes are vnfitting for Christians, and therefore let them bee farre enough from vs.

Assist vs good Father, that we neither scandalize, blame, iudge, or condemne any person by our wordes for

for gladly would we haue a watch before our mouths and a locke of wisedome fastened on our lipps, least they should make vs fall suddenly, and our tongue prone to be our ouerthrow.

Giue vs grace (Eternall God) to acknoleoge and condemne our owne imperfections, least thou take occasion to iudge vs or display thy rigorous vengeance against vs.

These and all other things, which thy wisdome knowes to be more needefull for vs then wee can either deserue or desire graunt them for thy Sons sake, Jesus Christ our Saviour. So be it.

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Thankesgiuing for our knowledge in Christ.

FAther of Heauen and earth, wee giue thee harty thankes, that not withstanding we are poore and contemptible: yet thou hast reuealed thy holy word, and precious Gospel vnto vs, for in them all the riches of wisedome and knowledge is contained, which was hidden from the skilfull and wise men of this world, according to thine owne good will and pleasure. For which and all other thy benefits, continually will I praise thee. Beside deare father thou hast made vs to bee borne of christian parents whereby ( next to thine owne

owne assistance) wee haue beene brought vp in the true faith.

Thou hast lightned the darknesse of our hearts, by the blessed brightnesse of thy glory, thou hast deliuered vs from all false doctrine and idolatry, thereby to make vs sonnes and heires of the promise in Iesus Christ, by his holy Gospell. Where the incomprehensible treasures of thy grace is contained, and laid down as an apparant euidence before vs, imparting plainly that misterious secret, which to former ages was hid and concealed.

Thou hast bestowed on vs all spirituall blessings, in those heauenly benefits which we enioy by Christ: For thou didst respect vs all in him, before the

worlds foundation was laid, and gauest vs knowledge of thy secret will, according to thine own good pleasure, directing it before by him, to the end it might now bee preached, that the time is accomplished.

By him wee heare the word of truth, the sacred Gospell of our saluation, and we haue boldnesse and firme confidence, through faith which we enioye in him.

For there is no saluation in any other, or any other name giuen to men, whereby to be saued, but the name of Iesus: who is the way, the truth and life, the doore and entrance into the kingdome of heauen, which he purchased for vs, without any merite or worke in vs, by the sacrifice

fice of his own body, which (without spot or blemish) is our eternall redemption.

Thou didst rise againe from the dead, and sittest on thy Fathers right hand in heauen, whereby all principalities, power, might, dominion, and whatsoeuer else can be named in the world, remaineth in thee that art once more to come.

Wherfore we beseech thee (O Father of lights) that thou wouldst continue vs euermore, in this true faith and sauing knowledge: For, to know thee aright, and vnderstand thy vertue or power, is the direct rule of eternall life. So be it.

## A Praier to obtaine true Charity.

LOrd Iesus Christ Sonne of the euer liuing God: mirrour or bright resplendance of the diuine Maiesty: thou hast loued vs euen to the end, and in most zealous charity didst suffer sharpe death for vs poore sinners vppon the Crosse, by which meanes thou deliueredst vs from eternall death, and gauest vs an example of sincere charity which we ought to exercise one toward another.

We entreat thee (by thine own faithfull promises) to warme our hearts with the fire of thy diuine loue: that we may loue thee aboue all things and with our

our whole hearts: as being true God with the Father and holy Ghost in one eternall and indiuisible essence. That we keeping thy word and cordially louing one another according to thy new commandement and example: may thereby testifie that we are truly thy disciples, and good Christians, regenerated, not by any corruptible seed, but incorruptible, namely thy liuing word, which abideth eternally.

Let euery faithfull man employ himselfe for others in brotherly charity, and harty faithfulnesse as being members all of one and the same body.

Let this charity in vs be true, without fraud, cunning or hypocrisie: that we loue not one another in tongue and words onely, but

but in effectuall woꝛkes and truth. Enflame our heartes by thy holy spirit, that imitating thine example, we may loue our very enemies, and doe good, to such as hate oꝛ persecute vs, committing (patiently) reuenge of all wꝛongs into thy hands. O Sonne of God, put farre off from vs all hatred, enuie, rancour, all bitternesse and dishonesty, that the bond of perfection bee not vntied oꝛ broken by vs.

Lend vs thy holy helpe, that we may pardon one another, as thou hast pardoned vs and suffer not the Sunne to set on our anger, neither let vs giue any place to the backbiter oꝛ slanderer.

Graciously aide vs to serue thee in true faith, which woꝛking by charitie

ty, we may remaine alwaies in thee, and thou in vs in such powerfull sort: As neither life nor death, nor Angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor height, nor depth or any other creature whatsoeuer, may seperate vs from our loue in thee. So be it.

For the fruits of the Earth.

LORD God Almighty King of Heauen and earth, thou (by thy incomprehensible bountye and goodnesse) dost adorne and fill the earth with all kinds of fruits, for the nourishment both of men and beasts. Wee humbly beseech thee, that (in mercie) it may please thee, to blesse our land the better to make

make her bring foorth her fruits.

For of our selues (O Lord) we cannot cause it to yeeld one small graine of any thing, or adde any strength thereto except first thou bestow thy blessing theron. Send vs then such seasons, as are aptest for our fruits, that they may increase and grow to good. Preserue them from haile, tempests, destruction of foules or beasts, or any other annoiances.

Suffer not our grounds to rest in thy displeasure, thereby to continue desert or vnfruitful. Shut not vp the heauens in thine anger, by reason of our sins, that they should appeare as yron towards vs, and the earth be as brasse: But graciously send vs the cuening and morning raine,

with all other prosperous and fertile seasons, that thou visiting the earth, it may grow great in goodnesse, and be amply every where inriched.

Lord let wheat and all other graine thriue and prosper: For it is thou that preparest the earth, waterest her hard knots, playnest and laiest euen our fields, and by thy gentle showers, dost soften and giuest successe to our seed.

Crowne this yeer with thy blessings, and let fruitfulnesse attend on thy footsteps: so shall the desertest dwelling yeeld plenty of grasse, and all our coasts bee ingirt with gladnesse: The fields shall be newly apparelled with fayre flocks, and our very vallies couered with wheat, so that euery one shall sing and

and reioice.

Gracious God, we commit all our seeds into thy safe keeping, and all the fruits of the earth beside, preserue them from colds, frosts, hailes, yces, snows, winds, heats, drought, fierce raines, and all other hurtfull times, to the end they may not bee spild or spoild. Keep vs from barrennesse, famine, dearth and such like afflictions. Wee confesse our sinnes before thee, in compunction of heart, wee cry vnto thee (O God) that thou wouldest heare vs from heauen and the place of thy abiding, to pardon the iniquities of thy people.

Oh suffer vs neuer to be vnfurnished of bodily sustenance, but still bestow thy blessings vpon vs: So in all things (with thankl-

giuing) shall we acknowledge thy power and mercy: yea, we will sing praises incessantly vnto thee, because thou hast plentifully fed vs both in soule and body, for the maintenance of this life, and that which is euerlasting. So be it.

## A Prayer for Sinners.

ALmighty God and most gracious Father, that delightest not in the death of a sinner, but rather that he should return from his wicked waies and liue. We pray vnto thee for all those whom the Diuell hath blinded, holding them as captiues in his kingdome, and there liuing in all sorts of sinnes. They are drunke with the fleshly plea-

pleasures of this world, their vnderstanding is filled with darknesse, they are addicted to whoredom and wickednesse, and ouerwhelmed in all kind of filthinesse. Grant them grace that (being withdrawne from the snares of Satan, and reduced to the knowledge of thy heauenly will in those things which concerne the saluation of their soules:) they may confesse their own blindnesse, and the ouer-great iniquities wherewith they were entangled, declaring true and hartie repentance therfore.

Eternall God, take from among vs, & vtterly race idolatry, sorceries, blasphemies, vain and rash othes, and all offences to thy sacred name: as also cõtempt of thy word, disobedience, murders, hatreds, enuying

enmities, adulteries, theefts immodesty, bribery, auarice, vsury, lying, deceiuing, defaming, pride, scorning, gluttony, drunkennesse, and such like wicked sinnes, wherby thy blessed name is blaspemed, yong and simple people scandalized or seduced. Root vp obstinacie out of mens hearts, and such as are stony, soften them by thy sanctifying Spirit.

Giue grace vnto vs all, to sigh and sorrow in soule for our sinnes, that thereby we may come to the true knowledge of our selues, and of thy infinite mercies, which (in meer grace) thou offerest and extendest, to all such as conuert and turne to thee.

Assist vs, (O Lord) that wee (casting off the old man, concerning our present

sent conuersation, which cannot but bee corrupted, by those couetous desires that daily seduce vs) may contrariwise bee renewed in the spirit of our vnderstanding, and cloathed with the new man, created according to thee (O eternall God) in holinesse and true righteousnes.

Let all vs (deare Father) bee free from lying and falshood, euery one speaking the truth to his neighbour, because we are members of one another. Let him that did steale, steale no more, but rather labor honestly, and performe some good actions with his hands, to the end he may impart thereof to him that hath need. Deare Father, graunt vs these things, and whatsoeuer is profitable, wholsome or

serving to edification, for our Lord Jesus Christs sake: who liueth and reigneth with thee, in vnitie of the holy spirit true God, world without end. So be it.

For such as are sicke and diseased.

O God strong & most mighty thy vertue perfects it selfe by infirmitie. Thou art also the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, and an assured defence for all necessities in time conuenient.

Wherefore we pray vnto thee, for all such among vs, as are sicke, who being charged with bodily infirmities, are daily in danger of death. May it it please thee there-

therefore, to make thy holy will knowne vnto them, and graunt them grace. to receiue, suppoꝛt and suffer all with patience.

Let thy blessed Spirite cherish and comfoꝛt them on their sick beds, and giue ease to those diseases wherwith they are afflicted. According to thy great goodnes, take coinpassion on them, and in fauour of that doloꝛous passion which thy deare sonne Iesus Christ endured: pardon all the transgressions, whereby they haue offended thee, and (perhaps) may bee some occasion of this their sickenesse.

Releeue, heale and raise them againe in soule and body, if it be not contrary to thy will oꝛ preiudiciall to their eternall saluation, foꝛ if thou wilt thou canst

wipe away al their iniquities, because thou art our good Phisition, our Soueraigne assurance: and euen then most willingly helpest, when humaine meanes doe faile and are weakest.

Looke downe from heauen, and consider the miserable condition of all sicke persons, take pitty on them, by thy diuine wisedome, enable them with direction and lawfull meanes, for their speediest recouerie.

Aide them with thy strong arme, and restore them to health. But such for whom it is more necessary (according to thy good pleasure) to depart from these miseries, then longer to saile on this vast sea of afflictions: Call them home vnto thee, and continuing

ning them firme in faith, and constant in holy hope, by a happy ending, bring them to ioy without ending.

Let thy sanctifying Spirite bee neereſt to them, when the houre of departing drawes moſt vpon them, giue them then grace well and willingly to prepare for death: That being prouided of thoſe thinges which thou haſt ordained for confirmation of their faith, they may be deſirous to diſlodge, and to be with thee in company of thine elected children.

Shorten their ſufferances and diſtreſſes, aid them to ouercome all the anguiſhes of death, paſſing thorow them with a chriſtian courage, and then to bee poſſeſſed of life euerlaſting.

Change their griefe in-

to ſuch gladn.s, as ſhall neuer be taken from them. Let earth take theirearthly bodies, but receiue thou their ſoules into thy hands becauſe thou dioſt create and redeeme them, in Ieſus Chriſt our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

Againſt the temptations of the deuill.

GOod God & heauenly father we are admoniſhed by thy bleſſed word, that the olde dragon and ſubtill Serpent, our aduerſary the deuill, runnes about vs like a roaring Lyon, daily ſeeking to deuour ſome of vs.

He vſeth all his ſleights againſt our ſoules, with an in

infinite number of hellish stratagemes, to make vsfal into shame or dispaire.

He practiseth to surprise vs: by riches, by pouerty, by voluptuous and wanton pleasure, by greedy desire after honor and worldly dignities, by coueting earthly goodes and possessions: by care for the belly, and prouision therefore, with al other vnrighteous and sinfull affections.

Hee cunningly casts abroad his ginnes & snares, to entangle vs night and day in our wordes or workes: So that wake we or sleepe we, hee is before, or behinde vs, with a wide open throate seeking to swallow vs.

Lord who can escape? for he is continually watching and neuer at rest. We are likewise so fainted by our owne

owne sinful flesh, as (without thy succour) wee can make no resistance.

Open thou our eyes, that we may comprehend, how mighty and crafty our enemie is. For we are not to fight against flesh & blood, but against Sathan, who is the Prince of this world therefore (Mercyfull God) take pitty vpon vs.

Make vs strong in the power of thine owne strength, put vpon vs thy defensiue armour, to resist manfully against the ambuscadoes, & tantelous deuises of the Deuill.

Giue vs thy weapons, gird our raines with the girdle of truth, put on our brests the brest places of righteousnes, let our feete be shod with Euangelicall peace, and (aboue all things) let our hearres bee defen-

defended with the shield of faith: So shall we bee sure to quench al the fiery darts of the Diuill. Alwaies prouided, that our heads be couered with the Helmet of saluation, and our handes hold fast the sword of the Spirit, which is thy most holy and neuer failing word.

By these meanes wee shall be enabled to doe any thing, and valiantly (through thy aide) vanquish the Deuill our aduersarie: For (in thy very name) wee shall strongly withstand him.

Bee thou but our succour, and no feare can assault vs, stand thou but by vs, and though the world should bee ouer-whelmed, and the Mountaines tumbled into the middest of the Sea, yet safety shall circle vs,

vs, for thou art our assistance, that liuest and raignest eternally. Amen.

## A Prayer for the Euening.

BLessed Trinitye, Father, Sonne, and holy Ghost, thou art our life, saluing health, and euerlasting comfort: we praise and render thanks to thee, both with mouth and heart, because (all this day) thou hast in mercy most louingly neuer left vs.

Let vs entreat thee, in thine vnspeakable goodnesse, to couer all our iniquities: more especially those which this day wee haue committed against thee and thy holy commandements: either by our

our tongues, in vttering vaine and offensiue speeches against our neighbors or transgressing in any other sinfull manner.

May it please thee to preserue vs this night ensuing from all damage and danger bodily or ghostly: For our confidence is only in thee, thou art our Lord and God, we commit both body and soule into thy hands.

That thy diuine Maiesty may blesse vs, the holy Trinity defend vs, the eternall vnity sustaine vs, thy infinite mercie preserue vs, thine vnspeakable benignity blesse vs, thine endlesse sweetnesse support vs, the high truth of God shadow vs, the bottomlesse knowledge of Christ strengthen vs, and the incomprehensible goodnesse of

of the Lord keep vs. That the grace of the Father may gouerne vs, the wisedome of the Sonne restore vs, the vertue of the holy Ghost lighten vs: our Creator still to assist vs: our Redeemer to saue vs: and our holy comforter neuer to forsake vs.

Eternall God, let thy louing countenance shine vpon vs: thy good graces be alwaies with vs: thy peace be propitious for vs: and thy louing kindnesse euer liue with vs.

Let this our inuocation vpon thee the only and euerliuing God, stand betweene vs and our aduersaries visible and inuisible: that they neuer may come neere vs, or haue any power to hurt or offend vs. Be thou a wall of fire, seperating vs from all our enemies,

enemies, to keep them off from touching vs: euen as the piller of the cloude did set it selfe in the wildernes betweene the Egyptians army and the campe of the Israelites, to the end they might not come neere one another, nor the children of Israel be any way endangered.

Protect vs also at the ending of our daies, when our eies can see no more, our eares heare, our tongues speake, our hands feele, nor our feet walke: Assist vs then O sacred Trinity that the diuel our enemy neuer prevaile against vs. So be it.

Thursday

# Thurſday.

## A Prayer for the Morning.

LORD Jeſus Chriſt that art the true eternal light: ouercomming the nights darkneſſe: and the ſhadowes of death: wee laud thy name, celebrate and yeeld thee moſt harty thanks, becauſe thou haſt ſo bleſſedly kept vs this night, and haſt brought vs thorow darkneſſe to behold bright day.

Thou haſt preſerued vs from

from the terrors of the night: from the fearefull threatnings and illusions of Sathan: from the dangerous pestilence which walkes in the shades and darknesse of night, and from many other contagious diseases, wherewith we might haue been assailed and surprised.

Thy shield hath round ingirt our soules, and thou hast watched ouer vs as a good shepheard doth ouer his flocke: thy great mercy also hath preserued safe and sound all that we doe possesse. Thy name for euer be praised honored and exalted, not only for so louingly defending vs, but for infinite other benefits beside, which wee day by day doe receiue from thy liberall bounty. We will speake of thy power, and mag-

magnifie thy mercy euery morning: for thou art our principall assurance, our inuincible fortresse, our strong defender and our faithfull God in whom we only put our trust: thou fillest our harts with gladnesse and makest vs to haue a cheerefull countenance.

We beseech thee (O Son of God) by thy holy nativity, and because it pleased thee, to receiue our humane nature in the vnity of thy person: that thou wouldst let thy mercy lighten on vs this day as the dawning of the morning, when it begins to appeare bright and cleere, and rain down thy blessings vpon vs, like the spring-time showers. Illuminate our blinded nature with thy splendor and our darkned vn-

vnderstanding with thy bright beames of mercy: that thou maiest shine in our soules like the cleere morning starre, and the light that leades men into eternall life.

Protect vs this day from all euill whatsoeuer and Lord be fauourable vnto vs, for wee rely vpon none but thee, our soules waite on thee this morning and alwaies as our onely deliuerer and defender in all times of tribulation.

Preserue our bodies and soules that no euill come neere vs, or any wounds light vpon vs. Keepe the infernall fiend far off from vs, let not the wicked touch vs. Stand betweene vs and the euill doers and let our enemies haue no dominion ouer vs.

O Lord our God, prosper

per the workes of our hands, teach our hearts thy obedience, and our fingers thy commandements that this day wee fall into no ſin againſt thee. Graunt vs theſe graces for thy mercies ſake, which is perpetuall and neuer hath ending. So be it.

## Thankeſgiuing for the nouriſhment of our bodies.

KING of glory Lord of heauen and earth, wee humbly thanke thee, becauſe moſt fatherly thou haſt fed vs from our infancy, euen vntill this time, aboundantly furniſhing vs euery day with meates, drinkes, garments and whatſoeuer is neceſſary for the maintenance of this life.

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For wee issued forth of our mothers wombs, and came starke naked into the world, miserable and full of many necessities, but thou didst provide vs all things needfull.

O Lord our God, great are thy marvailes, none is like vnto thee: We will declare and speake of thy workes, although they are not to be numbred. Wee ought not to bee silent, or conceale thy praises, but to recount thy goodnesse to our Childrens Children, and to speake of thy faithfulnes to such as shall succeede vs, euen so long as the world shall endure.

Wee beseech thee that hereafter thou wilt not forsake vs, but giue vs bread to feed vs, and raiment to couer vs, for thou knowest what need we haue of thy

blessings, for maintenance of our liues, considering, that of our selues, we haue nothing. But when thou giuest we receiue them, and when thou openest thy hands, euery thing liuing is filled with thy blessings. Giue vs grace, that by sin we misuse not thy giftes, that wee attempt not beyond measure, nor suffer our hearts to bee charged with gluttony, drunkenes, and the cares of this life: And so become slaues to riches, fall headlong into the snares & temptations of Satan, with many other dangerous desires, that plunge men suddenly into perdition.

Keepe vs from couetousnes, the roote of all euill, let vs hold firme footing, and neuer fall from thy faith, so to bee shut vp in endelesse,

endlesse sorrowes.

O good God, assist vs, that wee may cast all our care vpon thee, and haue recourse to thee in all necessities: As to our louing Father, which art in heauen, from whence thou giuest vs our dayly bread, and all thy other good blessings beside, thorough Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

## To haue vnitie in Faith.

MErcifull God, thou hast called vs to an especiall hope of our vocation. For as there is no other but one Lord, one faith, one Baptisme, one God and Father of vs all, euen as thou art (O Father) one

with thy deare Sonne and the holy Ghost: so ought we all to be vnited in thee.

Wherefore we pray vnto thee to knit together the hearts of all the faithfull, that they may be all of one affection in thee, and feele one comfort among them from thee in Iesus Christ, and in the vnion of true faith. Maintaine vs in true vnderstanding of the holy Scriptures, that wee may nourish no opinions or partialities: but vse the same words in the same sense: being of one consent and carefull to keep the vnity of the spirit, by the bond of peace: that thereby our harts may meete in charity, euen vntill we all meete together in the last vnity of perfect faith and finall knowledge of thy dearely beloued Sonne, who

who is the only head of the Church.

It is alſo hee that aſſembles all bodies in one, that (as his liuing members) we ſhould cleaue one to another, euery one lending a hand to his neighbour, to doe him ſeruice, according to the gifts and graces which haue been done vnto vs.

Suffer not among vs, a diuerſity in opinion and vnderſtāding of thy word, thereby to raiſe pernitious ſects and diuiſions: Neither let vs do any thing for priuate contention, or vain glory, as deſpiſers and haters one of another.

Put far off from vs all carnall zeale, enuy, malice, pride and curioſity in fooliſh and vnprofitable queſtions: which engender nothing but debates, and

giue occasion also of contentions, whereby wee grow to back-biting, and euen eating vp (as it were) one of another. Hinder the Diuells power, and all the policies of the peruerse, which desire to breake the bonds of concord.

O Lord our God, grant that all such as are wanderers from the truh, and are of a broken sense or vnderstanding, being led by errors, diuisions and heresies; may attaine to knowledge and returne to the right way.

Keepe vs from confused and troublesome spirits, that thy Church may not be offended, and simple innocents scandalised or seduced by sweet speeches of the proud and arrogant.

Aide vs O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to

to praise, loue and laude thee, with one consent both of mouth and mind. Amen.

For Peace.

GRacious God and mercifull Father, thou art the God of peace, thou louest it, and from thee commeth all concord: Therefore we pray vnto thee, to bless, maintaine and defend all Christendome against thy enemies and blood-thirsting people, that it being preserued in peace and quietnes, we may alwaies serue thee in safety, ioy, pureness of doctrine, and holy conuersation.

Giue grace, that all the Potentates and Rulers of Christendome, may liue peace-

peaceſully together in pie-
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good maners, order and ci-
uill policie bee not impea-
ched or perverted, Chur-
ches and Schooles of learn-
ning ruined, and Kingdomes deſtroied, or made miſerably deſolate.

Let euery one be contented with his owne, and ſuffer not any to couet or deſire countries and people, which no way appertaine vnto them: either thorow auarice, pride, appetite of vaine glory, curioſity, enmity, enuy, or by any ſuch like cauſes, to raiſe warrs, troubles or ſeditions in their owne Kingdomes. Preſerue vs from diſſentions and effuſiõs of blood, ouerthrow all euill counſells and malecontented medlers, whoſe harts can faſten vpon no goodneſſe:

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Let confusion follow their enterprises, their consultations begin in sorow, and end in feare and shame.

Let thy arme be advanced in our defence, seeing thy name is honored among vs, and suffer not thy heritage to be wasted.

Assist thy faithfull that put their trust in thee, and call earnestly vpon thee. Answer vs in the day of our distresse, and let thy name be our support: send succor from thy holy place, and euermore strengthen vs.

Be good to countries and Cities wherein thy blessed word is embraced: Let peace dwell within their walls, prosperity and plenty within their palaces. O good God, encline the harts of all men to loue peace and vnity, chiefely

those, whom thou hast called by thy word and Gospell.

If there doe happen any trouble or dissention among any people: do thou so provide, that (by good meanes) it may be quickly appeased, for the glorie of thy names sake, the advancement of thy word, and the salvation of all Christians. So that poore countries may reioyce in thee, and glorifie thy name: Because thou art hee that onely workest wonders, and dost manifest thy power vpon all nations. So be it.

For

For Infidels and wanderers from faith.

LOrd and Father Euerlasting, wee pray vnto thee in thy dearely beloued Sonnes name Iesus Christ our Sauiour, that it would please thee to take compassion on al Infidels and vnbeleeuers, in what place, or of what condition soeuer they be, that wander as yet in darknes without any light of thy holy Gospell.

The Diuell hath smitten them with blindnes, detaining them (with hardned hartes) in obscurity, through ignorance remaining in them, they are meer strangers to life, which life (O Eternall God) thou thy selfe art. They run after dumbe

dumb Idolls, euen accor-dingas they are ledde, and (throw their misbelicfe) blame and blaspheme thy deare Sonne Christ Jesus the only throne of grace.

Wherefore O faithfull God, take away from vnbeleeuing Jewes, the co-uerture that lies vpon their hearts, making them to offend against the stum-bling stone, and rocke of contempt. Illuminat their eyes, that they may see and arknowledge the true Messias, the Sauiour of the whole world.

Call home all Paganes and Infidels to thy true sheepefolde. Such as holde thy word for folly, assem-ble them with Christians, and the communion of thy Saints: That they may honour, praise, and pray with vs and all the faithful

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to the Father and Sonne, and to the Sonne with the Father and holy Ghost, one true God and Lord euerlasting.

Open the vnderstanding of all them, that repose not confidence for their saluation, vpon the true foundation & corner stone Iesus Christ.

Let them know him whom thou hast sent, and (in firme faith and beliefe) receiue him for their Lord and redeemer: Who by his obedience fulfilled the law, and by most greeuous death, purchased our eternall redemption.

Let it please thee also good Father, to bring back into the way of thy true word, al such as haue strai-ed from Christian faith, erring in some certaine points, by being possessed with

with false Doctrine. Most merciful God, take pitty on them that are not in true religion, but doe sit in the shaddow of death, and walke euill waies, according to the blindnesse of their sense.

Seeke them that are lost, gather them that haue straied, lighten them that are in darkenesse. Open the eares of the deafe, the mouthes of the dumbe, and al such as haue not knowne thee.

Strengthen them that stand, restore such as haue falne, seeke all the scattered, and assemble the dispersed: Finally, in this life make vs all of one faith, and fellowes of one inheritance in the Kingdome of Heauen. So be it,

For

For our Benefactours

O Lord our god because wee vnderstand by thy holy word that thou holdest all ingratitude in detestation, and punishment shall neuer depart from the house of the vnthankefull. In regard also, that the hope of the ingrate, shall suddenly melt it selfe, like yce before the beames of the Sunne, and glide away like water, that bringes no profit with it: Wee humbly beseech thee, to grant vs grace, that at all times, and from the depth of our hearts, wee may acknowledge and thanke thee for all thy benefits: and that wee may neuer be vnthankefull toward

ward such as haue done vs any good, least we fall into thy iudgement and iust vengeance. Wee render thee thankes (O Lord and omnipotent Father) for thou art most benigne, thy mercy endureth for euer, thou art faithfull and keepest promise to a thousand generations. To thee O God, king eternal, immortall inuisible, and onely wise, be al honour and glory for euermore.

We direct our prayers also vnto thee, for all those that haue holpen, nourished or brought vs vp, from our infancy, that haue taught, corrected, instructed, and done good to vs, either by wordes or workes.

More especially wee pray to thee for all those for whom wee stand most ob-

obliged to entreate thee, of whom (very well) thou knowest the names, and their condition. O good God, we humbly commend them all vnto thee, to bleſſe them in body and ſoule, while they abide heere beneath, and afterward to crowne them in thine eternall Kingdome.

Aſſiſt vs with thy grace and bleſſings, that (in due time) we may ſome way recompence their good turnes. If not to them, yet to their children. And that, as we haue receiued benefits, ſo we may likewiſe (to our power) bee beneficiall and ſerviceable to others: that our leaues do not wither, or our ſelues be pluckt vp like vnprofitable trees, which carries no fruit, and fittes nothing but the fire.

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Let not the ingratitude of others be hurtfull to vs, thereby to become slothfull and negligent, in doing good to all men, but especially to the houshold of faith.

And because thou art so gracious, O heauenly Father, as to let thy Sunne shine both on good and bad, and the raine to fall both on iust and vniust: Giue vs grace, to imitate this thine example of mildnesse: thereby to testifie, that we are truely thy children, and in our dooing good, we may stoppe the mouthes of ignorant and foolish men.

And that it may bee done in such sort, as thy sacred name shall neuer bee prophaned, but sanctified by vs and ours: For thou liuest and raignest our true

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Omnipotent God, world without end So be it.

Against the temptations of the world.

ETernall GOD and heauenly father, there is (alas) nothing in all this world, whatsoeuer is therein, is nothing elle but desire of the flesh, concupiscence of the eyes, and pride of life: the whole world is swallowed vp in wickednes, and is filled with sinnes or scandalls.

Wherefore wee pray thee, to turne vs from all earthly occasions, and let our desires be onely to thee that we be not abused by the world, nor incked in affection thereto or any thing therein; because the world

world and whatsoeuer it containes must passe away.

Assist vs that wee bee not offended by the wicked examples of the peruerse, which it grieues vs dayly to behold: neither let vs enter at the wide gate, or walke the broad way, whereby the world marcheth, which leadeth to eternall ruine and distruction.

O gracious God, thou hast raised and seuered vs from the world, to the end, that our affections should not dwell on earth. But rather the conuersation of our spirit to be in heauen, seeking those things which are aboue, and not here below on earth. Giue vs grace, neuer to conforme our selues to this world, or walke after his steps: But that we may bee changed,

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by the renuing of our vnderstanding, to approue intirely & perfectly, what thy heauenly will is, and so become agreeable therto with our whole heart, walking on wisely redeeming the time.

Let vs neuer bee sundred from thee, by loue or hatred, fauour or disfauour of the world: but let the world bee crucified to vs, and we also to the world, that renouncing and abstaining from all the desires and filthinesse thereof, wee may be thoroughly dead thereto. When the world doth hate or persecute vs, lift vs vp (O God) with thy right hand, that we be not discouraged, or become impatient, For the world held thy deare Sonne Iesus Christ in hatred, long before vs, therefore

ore let his example comfort vs, and settle our assurance neuer to bee of this world.

Mercifull God, helpe vs altogether, that we forsaking incredulitie & worldly affections: may liue soberly, iustly, and religiously, attending in blessed hope, the glorious comming of our Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ: who gaue himselfe for vs, that we might be redeemed and purified from all iniquitie, and be a peculiar people to himselfe, and carefull in the accomplishing of all good workes. So be it.

## A prayer for the Eue ning.

PRayſed be God the Father, by Jeſus Chriſt with the holy Ghoſt, the only true eternall God, who of his great goodneſſe, notwithſtanding we are poore miſerable ſinners, hath moſtlouingly preſerued vs this whole day, from al the fiery darts of the Diuell, wherewith continually he wanders about. Alſo hee hath kept vs from all contagious diſeaſes, which deſtroy at mid-day, from ſudden death and all other inconueniences.

Thou art merciſull, and all thy workes are worthy to be prayſed, therfore (moſt gracious God) wee

we beseech thee to forget and forgiue, whatsoeuer we haue this day committed against thee, in workes wordes or thoughts.

Stretch forth thy mercy againe ouer vs, and graunt vs quiet rest and sleepe this night approching: that we may neuer be forsaken of thee, because thou art the euerlasting rest. By faith then let vs abide in thee, and remaine in assurance vnder thy protection, that the wicked spirit haue no power to come neare vs, or presume any way to feare or affright vs.

Eternall God thou art our continuall light and saluation, what then shall we doubt? Thou art the strength of our life, who then shall dismay vs? Our hearts repose themselues on

on thee, and dreades no danger, for thou art our comfort, and alone defender. Confirme thy grace in vs, let thy right hand holde vs, and thy strong arme for euer bee our refuge.

Beholde O our God, early in the morning did we crie vnto thee, and thou didst answere, now at night also will wee not cease, but lift vp our voices for thou wilt heare vs, when we lay vs downe in our beds, we are mindfull of thee, and when wee awake, we speake in heart to thee: because thou art our aide, and vnder the shadow of thy wings will wee reioyce. Our soules draw neere vnto thee, thy right hand holds vs from falling, and when the dark night shall ouer-shadow

vs, yet thou (being Eternall) art the light of our saluation.

O good God grant vs grace, that when the houre of our departing approcheth, and we must be layde in the bed of death, for euerlasting repose: that yet (through thine assistance) we may happilie sleepe in true and firme faith, and wake againe afterward to life eternall. In the meane while, bee mercifull vnto vs, that wee may bee alwaies watchfull, liuing modestly and soberly, in a true Christian preparation because we know not whē the houre of thy comming will be, or when thou wilt take vs hence to thee. Make vs then worthy to stand before thy Sonne, and in iudgement let vs neuer be confounded. So be it.

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# Fryday.

## A Prayer for the Morning.

PRaise be giuen to thee, O God our Creator, Sauiour and comforter, that giuest vs life, health and benediction. Thou art our support and protector, thou hast preserued vs this passed night by thy great mercy, from many secret attempts of Satan, & sound, and safely hast brought vs to behold this day. Heauenly Father, wee beseech

thee by those bitter anguishes, wherein the very sweat of Jesus Christ thy deare Sonne, falling on the ground, became like knotted clods of earth: that this day thou wilt receiue vs into thy safeguard, defending vs both without and within, that no maner of euill happen vnto vs.

For into thy hands, both now and euer, wee commend and commit our poore soules, our miserable bodies, our life subiected to many necessities, our senses, our reason, our vnderstanding, our enterprises, our thoughts, words and works. In briefe, all our affaires, our entrance and issue, our going forth and returning back again, our disposing of any thing, either walking, sitting, or lying downe, our will, counsell,

counsell, deliberation, faith confession, and whatsoeuer is within or without vs, the ending of our life, the day and hour of our death: yea, our death and resurrection. O our Lord God, doe thou with vs in all these, euen as thou wilt, knowing them best for thine owne honour, and our saluation.

Keepe vs in thy faith, feare and true knowledge, preserue vs from the workes of iniquity. And if (through infirmity) we fall into sinne: yet do not thou withdraw thy mercy from vs, or turne away thy comfortable countenance, least we perish: by being vnprouided of thine assistance.

For there is no other God and Sauiour but thou, there was none be-

fore thee, neither shall bee any after thee, thou art the first and the last, the beginning and ending: Therefore we cry and call onely to thee, to haue thy blessed spirit alwaies with vs.

Guide thou our feete in thy right pathes, least wee walke after the counsell of the wicked, or tread in the waies of sinners, or sit in the chaire of the scornefull. Let our delight be only in thy word and commandements, therein to exercise our selues day and night, thorow our Lord Iesus Christ. So be it.

Thanksgiuing for the Passion of Christ.

LOrd Iesus Christ true GOD and man, we render thee most hearty thanks,

thanks, that wee being poore wretched sinners, and subiected to damnation: yet it pleased thee in mercy (without any worke, worth, or merit in vs) to redeeme vs by thy blessed passion, death, and blood-shedding.

O Lord Iesus, thy sufferings were most grieuous thy paines intollerable, thy torments multiplied, thy wounds made deepe, thy death most bitter and dolorous.

Great was that loue, whereby thou didst yeelde to appeale thy Fathers wrath towards vs: when on the mount of Olues, the extreame agonies of death did enforce a bloody sweat, which fell from thy amiable face, in greate drops vppon the ground. Alasse, deare Lord, thou wert

wert forsaken of all thy disciples, and willingly didst thou deliver thy selfe (for vs) into the hands of the hard hearted Jewes: who most cruelly bound thee, and then (without any mercy) ledd thee from one wicked Judge to another, where thou wert falsly accused, condemned, spet vppon, mocked and buffeted.

Thou wast wounded for our iniquities, and by the burden of our sinnes, wert beaten, whipped, crowned with thornes, and most miserably handled: resembling rather the true shape of wretchednes, then the glorious figure of a man.

For thou wast made most contemptible, despised, burdened with dolors and disgraces, and that in such

such sort, as the heart of a very Pagane was moued to compassion, saying: Behold, what maner of man is this?

For our transgressions, thou wert reckoned among malefactors, and hanged betweene two of them, as a thing accursed, hauing thy hands and feet pearced thorow with nailes.

Moreouer, in thy extreme drought, they gaue thee vineger and gaule to drinke, and thou didst render vp thy spirit in most woefull anguishes: only to satisfie for our offences, and that (in thy wounds) our sicke soules might be healed.

We render thee praise and thanks, from the bottome of our heartes, for these sufferings, and all other paines by thee endu-

red, beseeching thee neuer to permit, that thy holy and most bitter passion, may be as lost on our behalfe: But rather that we may make our glory therin, as hauing no other true comfort in the world beside.

Let vs consider and meditate thereon in such sort, that all wicked desires may bee quailde or quenched in vs. And contrariwise, all vertuous and good deliberations there deeply grounded.

Let such encrease arise thereby to vs and ours, that dying to sinne, wee may liue to righteousnes, following the trackes of our fore-leaders footing: supporting euery iniurie with patience, and suffering all outrages with a good conscience. So be it.

## A Praier to haue true repentance.

God most pitifull and mercifull, thou art patient, exceeding in kindnesse and fidelity. Thou callest vs dayly by the gracious preaching of thy word, to a Christian conuersation, proclaiming in thine owne name, repentance and remission of sins to all people and nations.

Thou hast been yet more patient with vs, by thy long forbearance and vnspeakable mercy, deferring to deale with sinners suddenly, or to punish them in thine indignation (according to thy iust iudgement) so soone as their transgressions are committed.

mitted. But thou hast giuen them leisure for their conuersion, so that no one can take occasion (any way) to complaine of thee: because it is no part of thy will, that any one should perish, but rather (by repentance) hee should conuert and haue eternall life.

O good GOD, thou knowest what the slowneſſe of our flesh is, as also the dulneſſe of our harts: for we are become so corrupt in our nature, and faine so farre downe into the depth of sinne, that we are no way able (of our selues) to get backe or bee holpen. Wherefore we beseeche thee, in the wide wounds of our Lord and Sauiour Jesus Christ, to conuert vs vnto thee, and wee shal bee conuerted, heale vs, O Lord, and we shall

shall be healed, raise vs by thy hand, and we shall bee raised. Behold, wee are as scattered or lost sheep, seek after vs good shepheard, for wee are thy wandring, disobedient seruants, let vs neuer more bee vnmindfull of thy commandements.

Circumcise the foreskin of our hearts, cleanse vs from our sinnes, that wee may bee cleane, wash vs, and wee shall bee whiter then snow.

Create a newe heart within each of vs, and a spirit of assurance. Cast vs not away out of thy presence, neither take thy sanctified spirit from vs.

Look vpon vs (O God) as thou didst behold Marie Magdalen that penitent sinfull woman, when shee lay at thy feete, bitterly mour-

mourning for her sinnes: Or as on the Publicane, that fell on his face in the Temple, beating his breast, and begging thy mercy.

Grant vs true contrition, and hearty sorrow in soule for our sinnes, make our faith stable, and giue vs firme confidence, to apprehend and lay hold on thy graces, and to bring foorth fruits worthy of repentance.

Assist vs, to acknowledge the time of our visitation, that we may not misprise the riches of thy graces: that wee neglect not the acceptable time, or day of saluation: that we be not slow in conuerting to thee our Lord and God neither put off our repentance from day to day. But that euen this verie

day,

day, nay, this instant houre, and hence forward: we may repent and amend thorow Iesus Christ our only Redeemer. So be it.

## A Prayer to haue patience in all times of tribulation.

ALmightie God and louing Father, thou art the strength of the weake, the health of the sicke, the support of the miserable, the consolation of the afflicted, the ioy of the desolate, the refuge of the forsaken: the aide of such as are tempted: the life of the dying: and the God of patience and all comfort. Thou knowest, that by nature we are infirme, feeble, and of slender ability: So that we cannot vnder-

vndergoe any tribulation, without thy helpe and diuine assistance.

Therefore, whensoeuer thou visitest vs with sicknesse, or any other aduersity: wee haue recourse to none but thee. Entreating, that it would please thee, to make vs continue firme in faith, and constant in patience: that we may endure thy hand and fatherly visitations, with a patient heart and peaceable spirit.

Giue vs patience, for we haue great need thereof in times of affliction: to the end we may doe thy will, and receiue thy promise. Teach vs, O God, to be quiet in thy presence, when any aduersities doe come vpon vs.

Let vs esteeme or reckon tribulations, not to be

be as signes of thy displeasure, neither let vs murmure in heart against thee or be any way impatient. Let vs acknowledge and confesse (O Lord) that such as thou louest, thou dost chastise for their amendment: Because tribulation produceth patience, patience proofe, proofe hope, and hope can neuer bee confounded.

Blessed is he (O God) whom thou dost chastise, for none ought to refuse the chastisements of the Almighty. Because thou makest the soare, and bindest it vp againe: thou woundest, and thy right hand healeth, thou deliuerest vs from six tribulations, and in the seuenth no euill shall touch vs.

Helpe vs then (O eternall and mercifull God) to possesse

possesse our soules with patience, and to continue constant in hope, so that in the boldnesse of children, we may acknowledge thee our everlasting Father, and remember the heavie burden thou didst beare for vs, vpon thy glorious Crosse.

Grant that we may be fortified in all strength, according to the greatnesse of thy glory, and that wee may persevere in all sufferings, with a contented, patient and joyfull spirit, rendring thee thankes in all necessities whatsoever. That suffering here beneath with our Master Christ, both we and all others may bee lifted vp with him into eternall glory. So be it.

For

For weomen great with child.

Moste mightie and euerliuing God, who in thy eternall wisedom, didst appoint, that weomen should bring foorth children in paine and trauaile. We pray vnto thee, that thou wouldst suffer such to know (as either are great with child, or neere their time of trauaile) thy holy and blessed will, that they may support with patience their dolors and distresses.

May it please thee also, to change their heauinesse into ioy: graunting them grace, with comfort to see the fruit of their trauaile, and to conquer their bitter paines

paines and anguishes with ioye, that a humane creature is borne into the world.

Help then (O most mercifull God) both the mother and child, for without thy succour (whatsoeuer can else be done) all is but in vaine: although the whole world were present there.

Vouchsafe that their children may come into the world aliue, healthfull, vnbruised, and without any defect or imperfection. Hinder the Diuell, who labours so much as he can that no child should come liuing into the world, because they may proue no enemies to his kingdome.

Preserue all Christian weomen trauelling with child, that their births bee not abortiue, or they bee terrified by the sight of anie

nie hideous shapes.

Bee gratious likewise to yong children, that after their naturall nativity, they may receive holie Baptisme, bee made new Creatures in Jesus Christ and ordained for the life eternall.

Bee mercifull to them that lie in childbed, or give sucke, that having recovered their weakned strēgth, and being restored againe to perfect health: They may only praise thee therfore, as being that God, that hath beene their sole defender and helper, learning alwaies to put their trust in thee, who art evermore neare to them that truly call upon thee.

But if (by thy permission, or secret and incomprehensible will) some disaster do happen in the childbirth:

birth: Giue grace to the Father, Mother, and kindred, to endure with patience that heauye crosse, and not to distrust therefore thy mercy. But rather to receiue and entertaine it, as a triall of their faith and patience, holding and acknowledging thee alwaies, for their most gracious God, ready to pardon sinners: and that in midst of thine anger, euer thou remembrest mercie. For when thou afflictest any one, soone after thou makest him or her to reioice again. Because grace is alwaies found after chastisement, thorow the merites of Iesus Christ our Sauiour, So be it.

For

## For Prisoners and Captaiues.

ETernall & most mercifull Father, thou art the God of heauen, and Gouernour in all Kingdoms. Might and Maiesty is in thy hand, and there is none that can resist against thee. Wee humbly pray vnto thee, for all such as are Prisoners, either for the truth of thy holy word, or otherwise are detained as captiues, vnder the Turke, and such like Infidells, grieuously tormented, charged and oppressed with most painfull seruitude.

May it please thee to comforte them with thy blessed Spirit, and deliuer them by thy power and mercie

mercy out of those wretched bonds, and ouerweighty yoake of woefull captiuity. Send them som meanes (according as thou canst, and best dost knowe how) for their redemption and deliuerance. O Lord, gather together those prisoners, and such as are farre dispersed, for the loue of thy name: that they may render thankes vnto thee, and recount thy holy praises after their imprisonment. It is most certaine, that the Lord vnderstandeth poore prisoners sighings, and deliuers such as are caried to death.

He can set at liberty his captiue people, so that the miserable or afflicted shall reioice, and (with greatnes of ioy) passe ouer griefe like a dreame. Their mouthes shall bee filled with

with laughter, and their tongues, with thanksgiuing, that it may be said among all Nations: The Almightie hath done great things for vs: wee were in miserie, but now we reioyce.

Lord, take away captiuity from the afflicted, for thou art their only helper, and the God of hosts. But if there be any, who (according to thy diuine prouidence) are to endure a longer time of thraldome, for triall of their faith, and to exercise their patience: Deare Father comfort them, ease the burden that they beare, and let them finde some grace among them, to whom they are prisoners, with a certaine hope and full perswasion, that thou wilt not reiect them for euer.

And aboue all, continue

them in true Christian faith, against all false Doctrines and opinions: that they may most comfort themselues & reioyce, that thou hast deliuered their soules from eternall imprisonment, and from the chaines of hell and darknesse.

O good God, set free our soules likewise from the bonds of mistic errour, and captiuity of death: Because thou pronouncest deliuerance to captiues, and enlargement to prisoners, hauing also commanded, that the gracious pleasing yeare of thy benenolence, should be openly preached. Assist vs likewise that haue the benefit of liberty, whereby our Lord Christ did first enfranchise vs: And let vs neuer more fall vnder the yoake of seruitude,

tude, to be as bond-slaues and vassailes to sinne and Sathan. So be it.

7. Against the temptations of the flesh.

MErciful God and gracious Father, we acknowledge & confesse, that no goodnes at all abideth in our flesh: because wee were altogether conceiued in iniquity, and engendred out of sinfull seede. Yea, our flesh and blood is in such sort depraued, as wee can neither vnderstand or comprehend (by our owne reason) any thing of the blessed Spirit.

We beseech thee therefore, to graunt vs true knowledge of thy beloued Sonne, to the end, that we

may not iudge by our carnall sense, of those affaires which are spirituall, or of thy word, neither suffer our affections to be guided by the flesh.

Helpe vs to bring our bodies in seruitude, and compell or crucifie our corrupted flesh, with all the delights and desires thereof. That thy holy Spirit may leade vs, and we follow his footsteps in true righteousnes. Confessing, that wee (who appertaine to thy deare Sonne Iesus Christ) ought not to bee carnall, but spirituall: being debters, not to liue after the flesh, but according to the Spirit, to the end that wee may not die, as concerning our soules.

But because the flesh combatteth continually against the Spirit, and the Spirit

Spirit against the flesh, being euermore contrarie, battailing the one against the other: Helpe vs, O faithfull GOD, that the Spirit which thou gauest vs by thy blessed word in Baptisme, may reigne in vs ouer the flesh, and wee become subiect thereto. And that by vertue thereof, we may mortifie the works of the flesh, with all the sinfull desires thereof: so that we may not walke hereafter according to our owne will, or in the vanity of our weake vnderstanding.

If wee chaunce at any time, to be surprised by flesh and blood, or (through infirmity) do fall into iniquity: Lift vs vp (Lord) with thy right hand, that by thine aide, and inspiration of thy holy Spirit, we may at length bee able to

rise vp againe.

Suffer not our bodies to be dissolute or out of order, but that by living soberly and modestly: wee may bring them vnder the yoake of thy sacred ordinances. And being truely humbled, thy grace may then cleanse vs, from all corruption of the flesh and spirit, perfecting our sanctification in thy feare. So that both our spirit, soule and body may be preserued vnreprooueable, in the great day of our Lord Iesus Christ, & then to partake with thee in thy eternall glory. So be it.

## A Prayer for the Euening.

Glorie bee to thee, O Eternall God, that onely worketh wonderfull things, blessed for euer be thy glorious name, and let all the earth bee filled with thy might and Maiestie.

All the day long will we celebrate thy praises, and in the euening our mouths shall render thee thankes continually. For when we cry vnto thee, thou heares vs, and when wee make complaint, thou gently enclinest thine eare vnto vs. Thou listenest to our voice when we pray vnto thee, being our onely refuge, strength and succour in all our distresses. Gra-

cious God, wee giue thee praise and thanks, because thou hast so fatherly preserued vs this whole day, from all euill and mischances, which might haue happened vnto vs. Our harts are ioyfull, and our soules doe blesse thee, for all thy great gratuities and mercies. Let our tongues neuer cease to talke of thee daily, saying: Blessed bee the Lord our God, praised be his holy name.

Wee humbly beseech thee, to pardon all the sins which wee haue this day committed, and likewise to defend vs this night drawing on, with all them that doe appertaine vnto vs. Be thou our warrant, shield and safegard, preserue vs from all euils, keepe our soules in thy protection, and be fauourable

rable to vs. For our hope is in thee that art Eternal, and we call vpon thee, O Lord our God, who onely canst giue end to all our afflictions.

Hee that hath beene alwaies, and yet is our defender, sleepeth not at all, he that keepeth Israel, doth neuer slumber: he wil confirme our footing in a good way, to the end that wee may not swarue, and hee will not suffer our feete to slide, for his word is a lanthorne to our steps. Therfore when wee shall lay vs downe in our beds, wee will not bee dismayed or terrified: but sleepe soundly, without any dread of sudden astonishments, or any assaults of the wicked to come vpon vs.

O Lord our God, let the brightnesse of thy face

shine vpon vs, that wee may lie downe, rest and sleepe in peace: being assured of thy protection, because thou onely art our helper. Wee will lay vs downe in our beds, repose and close our eies in thy name, thou art our euerliuing Lord: Thy grace shall waken vs againe in the morning, to expresse the praise and glory of thy diuine Maiestie, through Iesus Christ thy deare Sonne our Sauiour, who liueth and reigneth with thee, in vnitie of the blessed Spirit.

So be it.

Satur-

# Saturday.

## 1. A Prayer for the Morning.

TRue and eternall God, Father of our Lorde Iesus Christ, we lift vp our spirits vnto thee, with harty thanksgiuing: for we cannot conceale thy righteousnes in our harts, but wee must declare thy faithfulnesse and sauing health, euen in the greatest congregations. And wee will neuer bee silent, but openly report what good thou

thou hast done vnto vs. For it is a commendable thing to celebrate thy praises, and sing Psalmes in thy name: That euery morning thy goodnes may be declared, and thy fidelity be spoken of, till darke nights approching.

Behold then wherefore our soules doe praise thee, because by thy great mercie, thou hast defended vs all this night. Lord God of Hostes & Armies, hallowed bee thy name, because thou shewest thy selfe gracious, to all such as seeke thee and loue thy saluation. Thy great name (which euer hath been our protection and succour) be blessed ouer all the world, and those workes which thou hast done for the children of mē, let them liue in endlesse holy remēbrance.

This

This day likewise Lord wee pray thee to preserue vs, that the wicked spirit worke no euill against vs, nor the hands of the vngodly doe any way touch vs.

Lord God our sauiour, we wake this morning to looke vpon thy wonders. From breake of day haue we cried vnto thee, to bee our helper: That with diligence and faithfulnesse, we may follow the works of our vocation, according as thou hast commanded: for thy honor, and the benefit of our neighbors.

Let vs no way misuse the light of this day, nor any of thy other creatures by sinfull meanes. Let our words and works be free from thy displeasure, and let vs not violate the league we made to thee in Bap-

Baptisme. Grant vs grace also, to keepe our selues from those sixe thinges which thou hatest, and from the seauenth, which is abhomination to thee: To wit: proude lofty lookes: a false deceitefull tongue: hands that shed innocent blood: a heart that deuiseth actions of outrage: feete swift and speedy in running to euill: a false witnesse, that dares boldly vtter lies: and hee that sets debate among his brethren. Oh good God, preserue vs from these sinnes, and from such as any waye doe resemble them: Giuing vs grace, that our life and deeds may be acceptable to thee, in Iesus Christ thy deare Sonne our Sauiour. So be it.

Thanks-

## Thanksgiuing for the greate mercies of God.

HOly Trinitie, and true vnity in three distinct persons, thou art one sole essence, one Lord and God, of one and the selfe same Maiesty and excellencie.

We call vpon thee, and yeeld thee thanks from the depth of our harts, for all thy blessings bestowed vpon vs.

For it is a matter most wholsome and reasonable (O holy Father) that we should be thankfull to thee at all times, and in all places, by our Lord Jesus Christ: Because the Angels doe praise thee, the Archangels adore thee, and

and all the heauenly Armies, powers, principalities of the celestiall regions, with all vertues on earth (especially thy holie Christian Church in all places of the world) incessantly doe laud and glorifie thee.

Graunt vs grace also, that our voices may bee ioyned with theirs, and that (with them) thou wilt bee pleased to receiue our praiers, praises and giuing of thankes: which now at this instant wee offer vnto thee, for thy manifold great mercies which euerye day are dewed down vpon vs, so high as heauen is from the earth.

For when we were dead in sinne, thou didst quicken vs againe together in Iesus Christ, and hast shewen vs the most excellent treasures

treasures of thy grace, only in thy meere goodnesse O Lord. How great are thy mercies? And how kind art thou to them that turne vnto thee? Who can recount thy numberlesse benefits, or who can adde any iot vnto them? They doe euen equall thy selfe in greatnesse: for thou reprouest, chastnest, instructest, and hast care of such as are thine, euen as a good shepheard hath of his flocke.

Thou hast compassion on all them that first doe suffer themselues to bee drawen, and then are desirous to heare thy word. Euen as a deare Father is sweete in affection towards his children, so is the Lord our eternall Father, towards all them that feare him.

Lord who is like vnto thee:

thee? Thou takest away iniquity, and passest ouer the mislecdes of the remnant of thy heritage. Thou delightest not to be angry for euer, because thou art mercifull, and wilt take pity againe vpon vs, treading downe our offences, and throwing our sinnes into the bottome of the Sea.

From generation to generation, will we remember and praise thy mercies, which haue been from the beginning of the world, and shall endure for euer. We will extoll thy name, because thou art gracious, loving, of infinit goodnesse and mercy: Which likewise (good Father) wee pray thee to bestow vpon vs, as we doubt not to obtaine the same, in the merits of Iesus Christ our Lord

Lord and Saviour. So be it.

## A Prayer for a happy and blessed departing out of this Life.

MOST gentle God, thou hast set a limit on the life of man, which no one can exceede or go beyond: For his dayes are determined, and the number of his months is before thee. Thou hast counted all our daies, which neuertheleſſe doe passe away suddenly like a flood of water, as if wee our selues did hasten his departure.

All our yeeres are as smoake, or like a shadow immediatelye vanishing. Man is equalled with the heath,

hearbe, that presently drieth, or as the flower of the field, which forthwith withereth.

Teach vs then (O most gracious God) to knowe and consider that we must haue an ending: that our life is limited, and must be hence dislodged. Behold thou hast reduced our daies to the measure of a span, and the date of our life (before thee) is as nothing. It is most certaine, that all in man is but vanity, let him liue in neuer so confident assurance.

Teach vs therefore (O Lorde) to acknowledge and confesse, that death is ordained for vs, and that our walking here is but as on a Pilgrimage: for no permanent City is here appointed for vs.

Let vs truely vnder-

stand.

ſtand the breuity and vncertainty of our life, and often to haue a care of our ending: that during the time of our abode here in this world, wee may liue, not properly to our ſelues, but rather liue and die to thee, attending alwaits in faith and ioy, the houre of our departure, and the comming of Jeſus Chriſt thy beloued Sonne, in a perfect preparation thereunto, by holy conuerſation and workes of pietie.

O our God, grant vs grace to die happily, and when the day of our concluding commeth: to make our ending in vnderſtanding, and true confeſſing of our ſinnes: That our apprehenſion and ſenſes may be no way wandring, whereby wee ſhall vtter moſt idle or blaſphemous words,

woꝛds, againſt thee and our owne ſalnation.

Preſerue vs from ſudden and vnpꝛouided death as alſo from eternall damnation, and ſuffer vs not to bee taken vnpꝛepared: But by true repentance let vs dayly be in a readineſſe, accoꝛding to the inſtruction of thy holy woꝛd.

Aſſiſt vs when the houre ſhall come, to bee then chearefull and voide of feare: Foꝛ we are to ſuffer but a tempoꝛall death, which ſhall be the gate of entrance into life eternall.

Let vs then with courage ſay as bleſſed Simeon did. Lorde now let vs thy poore ſeruantes depart in peace: For our eies haue ſeen thy ſaluation, which thou haſt prepared for all thy people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and to bee the glory of

of Israell thy people.

Let our last words, be the very same, which thy deare Sonne our Saviour spake vpon the Crosse. Father into thy hands we commend our spirits. And when we shall be able to speake no more, in our latest sigh and gaspe, receiue our soules vp to thee in Jesus Christ. So be it.

For our dayly sustenance.

ALmighty God, wee thy poore children, that are heere on earth, doe crie to thee our Father that art in Heauen, that (in thy infinite mercy) thou wouldst giue vs our daily bread, and all things requisite to supply our bodily necessities. Extend

tend thy benediction ouer all our tillage and harueſt encreaſe, as alſo vpon all trades, labours, handy-craftes and honeſt endeauours. Bleſſe the worke of our hands: For it is thy bleſſing onely that enricheth, and except thou build the houſe, all other that go about it, doe but labour in vaine.

Helpe vs, O God, that (in thy name) we may caſt foorth the nets of our vocations, and that our labours and endeuors may ſort to good ſucceſſe. Preſerue all voyagers, that trauaile farre by land or by water, ſeeking their owne ſuſtenance, and bringing vs home neceſſary merchandiſes: keepe them and their meanes from all diſtreſſe and danger.

Be aiding to all ſuch as deale

deale in buying and selling, giue them grace to trade faithfully with a good conscience, without fraude and deceit: Let euerye one deale iustly in all good affaires, that God thereby may blesse them, to bestowe somewhat vpon the poore. Wee commend to thee in mercie, all thy faithfull seruants, vsing manuall trades, or any other kind of mystery: strengthen them in soule and body, and preserue them from false and vntrusty seruants.

Grant vs grace, to vse all thy blessings with thanksgiuing, that we ouercharge not our selues with vnrighteous Mammon, or with the wretched cares of this fraile life, as Infidells and misbeleeuing Pagans are

wont to doe.

Giue patience to the poore, in their want and indigence, least they should murmur against thy will: Let them carry no enuious spleene towards the rich, neither any way transgresse thy diuine commandements.

So rule likewise the hearts of rich men, that they may not be high minded, neither put any confidence in the vncertaintie of their riches: But onely in thee our euerliuing God, that giuest abundantly whatsoeuer we enioy. Assist them also, to do good with their goods, make them rich in good workes, ready in distributing, and communicating to thy Saints: enriching themselues with a good foundation to come hereafter,

after, that so they may bee assured of euerlasting life.

Two thinges (O our Lord God) we humbly desire of thee, and neuer to deny them vs during our liues. Vanity and speaking of lies set far off from vs: giue vs neither pouerty nor riches: Sustaine vs with the bread of our own earning. Least being glutted, we deny thee, saying: Who is the Almighty? Or being ouer poore, we fall to stealing, and so take the name of our God in vaine.

Preserue vs O Lord, from these extremities, for Iesus Christs sake, thy deare Sonne and our Sauiour. So be it.

## For those that are in anguish or heauinesse.

HEauenlye Lorde and Father, in regarde that the diuell our enemy hath sworne, neuer to leaue distressed heartes without his temptations, and hath made a custome of misusing our necessities, pressing them downe more heauily vpon vs, for his owne vile aduantage: Tormenting vs also with straunge and vnusuall thoughts, to make our consciences fearefull, and thereby to get vs into his gulfe of despaire: Most humbly wee beseech thee, (in meere pity to vs poore distressed mortalls, for whom Iesus Christ suffered,

red, and did sweat that bloody sweat, which ran al ouer his most precious body,) to take compassion vpon all such as are anguished or tempted: asswaging (by thy sanctified word and spirit) the grieued consciences of the infirme and afflicted.

Prouide for their necessities, according to thy fatherly will: wipe away the teares from their eies. Glad their soules with thy inward consolation: arme their hearts with confidence and holy hope: That they may neuer be troden downe, either by the greatnesse of their afflictions, the subtill inspirations of the enemy, or the infirmity of their own flesh.

Let them not fall into any greate and spirituall danger of their soules: as

into incredulity, contempt despaire, or into any other grieuous sinne. O most faithfull God, that sufferest none to be tempted aboue their strength, but with the temptation hast also giuen the issue, in whatsoeuer griefe is to bee endured: we crie aloud to thee, praying thee to bruise vnder our feet, the malitious head of the old Serpent. Weaken, or bring to nothing, the violence and deuises of the diuell, which dayly he worketh against poore Christians: coueting to sift them like vnto corne. Assiste weake mankind, with the fauour of thy deare sonne, who was tempted for vs and for our good, in his own humane nature.

Aide vs, O most louing God, that in all necessities what-

whatsoeuer, our hearts may receiue consolation, by the most certaine promises of thy diuine succour. So that being really and thoroughly prouided of thine assistance, by firme and inuincible faith, wee may repulse the violent assaultes of Sathan: valiantly surmount them by thy vertue: in the blood of the Lamb, and the word of our witnesse, to wit, by thy Gospell. To the end, that Kingdom, power and glory, may remaine onely to thee our God worthe without end. So be it.

For Widowes and Orphanes.

GOd and gracious God, thou hast named thy selfe, Father of

the fatherlesse, and Iudge of widdowes, promising withall, to take their cause into thine owne hands, and to doe them iustice.

Thou hast also commanded vs in thy worde, that wee should not afflict them, neither doe them any euill: Because already they are too much tormented, and despised of the world.

Therefore wee beseech thee, graciously to receiue into thy blessed patronage, all poore widdowes and distressed Orphanes: To prouide them of sustenance raiment, and whatsoeuer else is necessary, to defend and maintaine them against their afflicters. Let them find grace before all Magistrates, that right may be done to the fatherlesse, and the widdowes cause

cause be kept from oppression. Let their true right bee no way wronged, but alwaies deliuered from their enemies, and finde lawfull defence in all equity.

Be so assistant to them, that their Tutors or Guardians may deale iustly for them in their affaires, and euery one doe good vnto them. Preserue vs also (O Lord) that we sinne not against them, or offer them any shame or disgrace: but rather to extend all amity to them. Considering, that it is true and vnblemishable Religion, to visit the fatherlesse and widowes in their tribulations, and to keepe our selues vntaxed of the world.

Giue grace to all widdowes, that in all their dis-

trelles or temptations, they may euer trust in thee the liuing God, that art their Lord and Father: Let them day and nighte perseuere in prayer, thanksgiuing, and al good actions: as is seemely for widdowes that liue in Gods feare. Let them keep themselues from wanton allurements, giuing no scandall, or occasion of euill opinion towardes them, by lewd wordes, vnbefitting behauiour, or other euill examples, which may induce others to sin.

Helpe likewise all Orphanes, that they may bee brought vp honestly, in thy feare, piety, modesty, and all vertues. Make them obedient to their Tutors, Maisters, and other Superiors: suffering themselues to bee instructed,

ted, to encreaſe thereby in all honeſty, and to make profitable vſe of all good admonitions, faithfull counſels, or fatherly reprehenſions, which are done vnto them, onely to preſerue them from lewdneſſe and diſhonor.

In like manner, good Lord, defend all that are married, and their children: To the end, that in thy diſpleaſure (by reaſon of their ſinnes) neither by the ſword, or otherwiſe by the ouer-ſudden death of father and mother, they may become either widdowes or Orphanes.

Good Lord take pittie vpon vs all, in the paſſion of thy deare ſonne Jeſus Chriſt. So be it.

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## Against Desperation.

Mercifull God, hauing often (through too much boldnesse) broken thy holy Commaundements, and hauing contemned, displeased, and grieuously offended thee our Lord and God: Our consciences are in such sort charged and wounded, as in extremity of anguith, we find our selues to bee vtterly desolate.

And yet we know, that (of thy meere mercy) forgiuenesse of our sinnes is promised vs in thy sacred word. But our faith beeing very weake, the wicked spirit is too too ready, to rent and teare out of our hearts, all comforte and

and inward consolation. For this cause therefore, deare Father, we call vpon thee, humbly entreating thee, neuer to leaue vs in despaire, or destitute of thy heauenly grace: Least we fall and giue our consent to that grieuous sinne of infidelity and desperation.

Confirme vs so strongly, that euen in the midst of death, our hope may be in thee that art our life. Let vs neuer distrust thy succour and mercy, or say with cursed Caine: Our sins are so great, that they cannot be pardoned.

O Christ, Son of God, the liuing sourse of all grace, from whome the streames of mercy doe spread foorth on all sides: We beseech thee with all our soules, to augment in

vs that tried faith, which wee haue grounded vpon thy holy death & passion.

For it is a matter most cleare and euident, that one onely drop of thy precious blood, shed for our sake: is much more excellent in greatnesse of vertue, then all our haynous, foule & enormous sinnes are in pollution.

Look then (deare Lord) vpon vs with those eies of mercie, which thou didst cast back vpon S. Peter, after with execrations hee had denied thee: That we may not despaire with the traytour Iudas, nor sinne against the holy Ghost.

O blessed Spirit, the treasure of all sweetnesse, helpe vs in our latest necessities. When the foule fiend shall accuse vs, our owne consciences declare

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vs guilty, hel terrors astonish vs, and we shal be enuironed on all sides, with horrible anguishes and temptations of death, the whole world forsaking vs, and all things turning against vs Then: Oh then deare Father comfort vs, and let our trust in thee neuer be confounded.

Enable our harts by thy seales & testimonies, that our hope in thee may not be doubtfull for the remission of our sins. For both to vs, and to all other, that depend vpon thy will and prouidence, they doe remaine in full and stedfast promise.

Let vs then also remember the bonde which wee made to thee, when wee receiued the Sacrament of Baptisme: And to comfort our selues euen then,

then, with thy blessed promise thereto annexed, namely: Whosoeuer beleeueth, and is baptized, shall be saued. So be it.

## A Prayer for the Euening.

MOST high and immortal GOD, thy name be praised, thy goodnes and mercy extolled for euer, thy wisedome and eternall truth alwaies remembred: because this day thou hast kept vs from all dangerous euils.

May it please thee to finish the good worke thou hast begun in vs, suffering vs this night to rest in thy safe protection, and vnder the wings of thy all-shielding mercy.

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Let our safety be in the shaddow of thine armes, then can no harme happen vnto vs. Keepe vs as the apple of thine eye, for thou Lord art our portion and inheritance, our saluation consisteth oneiy in thy hands.

Assist vs by thy goodnes, that feare or trembling come not vpon vs, nor the dreades in darke nights do any way annoy vs: But take pitty vpon vs, for our soules wait only vpon thee, and gathers themselues vnder thy secret couerture.

We sought the Lord in our distresse, we put forth our hands in the night to finde him, and could take no rest: For our soules haue no other comfort, neither know wee any other assistance in heauen or on earth,

earth, but onely thee O Lord.

When wee awake at midnight, wee remember thy name, because thou art gracious: And then thinking on thy everlasting goodnes: wee hold it but right and iustice to praise thee therfore: Whensoeuer we are sad, wee call for thy comfort, when our hearts are in heauinesse, we speak to our Sauiour for succour: for thou drawest our soules out of perdition, and deliuerest them from the snares of death.

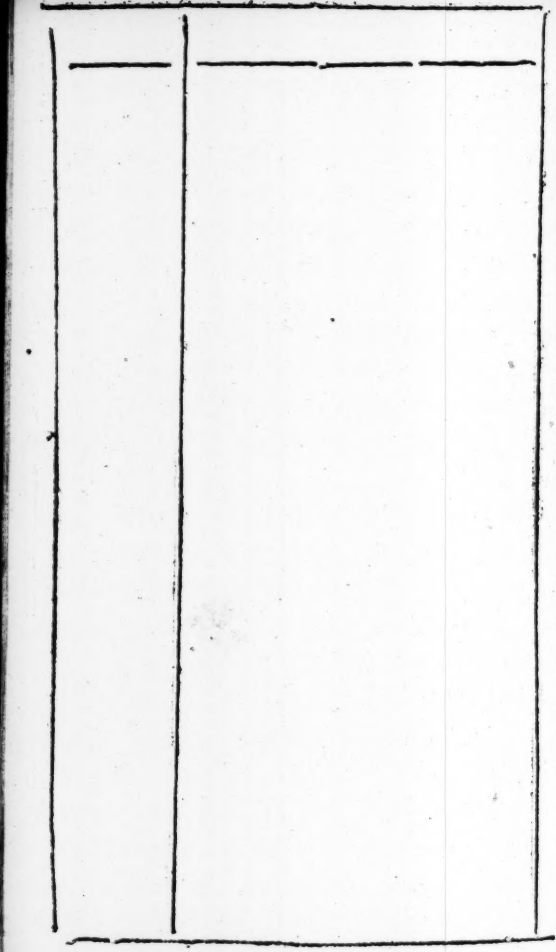
Night & day doe we cry vnto thee our Lord God, that in pittie it would please thee to pardon all the iniquities, wherby we haue sinned against thee this whole weeke past: As also whatsoeuer wee haue misdone this day. O God,

God, Father of lights, deliuer our soules from all deadly dangers. Thou art pitifull and iust, made all of mercy, and in that mercy preseruest the simple.

We becam as wretched caitiffes, yet thou broughtest vs back from straying. Therefore we will be ioyfull, and praise thy name walking and on our bed: Accounting it as our chiefest consolation, that thou art Lord both of our life and death.

Now therefore we commit both our soules and bodies into thy hands, be carefull of them this night and euermore: For thou God art faithful, and thou hast redeemed vs through Iesus Christ our onely Sauiour. So be it.

The end of the Weeke.



# THE SECOND PART OF THE Princes Prayers.

CONTAYNING DIVERS COMFORtable Prayers, to be vſed by and for ſuch particuler *perſons*:

As their ſeuerall directions doe beſt declare themſelues.

## A Prayer for our gracious Lord King IAMES.

GRatious God, and louing Father, who in thy sacred word hast cõmanded vs, to make prayers, intercessions and supplications, for Kings and Rulers vpon earth, and to yeeld thee continuall thankes, for their peaceable, godly and gracious gouernment. Wee (who haue more especiall cause, then any other Nation beside, in regard of thine infinit blessings and mercies,

cies, so long time continued vnto vs) doe giue thee most hearty thankes, for sending thy seruant and our dread Soueraigne King Iames, to rule and raigne ouer vs his owne appointed people.

Furthermore wee pray vnto thee, to bielle him with long life, health and happinesse for the aduancement of thy glorious gospell, the welfare of thy Church, and the endlesse comfort of all his true harted Subiects. Defend him as thou hast done, from all forraine practises, homebred conspiracies, and all other treacherous intentions whatsoeuer. Let him for euer say with Dauid: The snare is broken, the bloud thirstie are disappointed, I will therefore reioyce in thy strength (O my

my God) for euer and euer.

Be thou alwaies with him (Lord) whersoeuer he rides or goes: thy holy angels protect him, and thy louing countenance shine vpon him. In his delights and exercises, let no euill come neer him, and waking or sleeping, let no harme befall him.

The king shall reioyce in thy strength, (O Lord) exceeding glad shall he be of thy saluation. Thou hast giuen him his harts desire, and not denied him the request of his lips. Thou shalt preuent him with the blessings of goodnesse, and shalt set a crowne of pure gold vpon his head. Thou shalt giue him euerlasting felicity, and make him glad with the ioy of thy countenance. And why? be-

cause the King putteth his trust in the Lord, and in the mercy of the most high he shall not miscarry. Be thou (O Lord) for euer exalted in thine owne strength: So shall we sing and praise thy power. So be it.

For our most vertuous Queene Anne.

Almighty and euerliuing God Heauenly Father, wee confesse and acknowledge, that euery good and perfect gift descendeth downe from thee, and we (wretched sinners) cannot bee capable of the very meanest of them, but only by thy gratious helpe and sufferance.

We know, that Kings and

and Queenes are seated and established here vpon earth by thee, to be nourshing Fathers and nursing Mothers to thy Church and people, to propagate thy truth, and to defend their subiects in peace and tranquility.

Therefore most humbly we do intreat thee, to blesse our royall and vertuous Queen Anne, whom thou hast giuen as a helpe and comfort to our Soueraigne Lord King James. Endue her with all thy gifts of grace, enable her in all good and godly actions: that she may make the King to reioice in thy blessings, and our Land to bee happy by her royall issue.

Let loue, concord, and sweet agreement, continually liue with the King

and her. Make her fruitfull like the Vine, and plenteous like the spreading Olive tree: For therin are Kingdoms happy, and the people blessed.

Keepe treason and trechery far off from the king and her, let their daies be spent without greevance, and their nights without the least annoyance. Let safety circle them abroade and at home, and wheresoever they be, thy blessed Angels be alwaies their defenders. Make her a glad mother of many children. In the time of conception be helpfull to her, and till the houre of deliverance still preserve her. That no harme happen to the Infant or her, but that then she may see the fruit of her travaile with joy, and the childe to bring comforte both

both to Father and Mother. Heare vs (O heauenly Father) in these our requests, for thy deare Sons sake Iesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. So be it.

For the right royall and towardly yong Prince Henry, and the rest of his Maiesties Princelie Issue.

O God of Gods, and King of kings, that dost dispose and order all things vpon earth, according to thy heauenly will & wisedom. Thou that blessest kingdoms with godly, religious and vertuous gouernors, and for the further comfort of them and their people, sendest them such children & issue, as may il-

lustrate thy glorye, and maintaine thy truth, euen from one generation to another.

We laud and magnifie thy gracious goodnesse, for bestowing vpon this our land, so hopefull a Prince as yong Henrie is, and such royall seede beside, as the residue of the King and Queenes most royall Issue are: Whereby such faire and chearefull comfort is promised, that peace for euer shall dwell within our walles, and plenty flourish in our Pallaces. Keepe them all (good Lord) as the apple of thine eie, or as the signet vpon thine owne finger. Enrich their young hearts with thy faith, feare and fauour. And as they shall growe in yeeres, so let them dayly wex older and

and older in goodneſſe, grace and all other vertues.

We muſt and doe confeſſe (O heauenly Father) that both to the King, Queen, all them, and vs, thou haſt declared thy ſelfe a great and gracious God. Their and our deliuerance was wonderful, beyond mens apprehenſion or expectation, and ſo euident a teſtimonye of thy might and mercy: that for euer we are bound (on our knees) to acknowledge it, and to yeeld thee thankes therefore, both we and our poſterity.

O Lord, continue this care ouer them and vs ſtil: bleſſe them from all Traitors and treaſons. Confound all diueliſh deuiſes intended againſt them: and (as of late) ſo let vs al-

wates see, the downe-fall and destruction of such as seeke their harme. Giue the King thy iudgements, O God, and thy righteousnesse vnto the Kings Sonne.

Then shall he iudge the people according to right, and defend the poore that are oppressed.

The mountaines also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousnesse vnto the people. In their time shall the righteous flourish, and peace shall abound so long as the Moone endureth. There shall bee heapes of corne in the earth high vpon the hills: his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be greene in the City, like grasse vpon the earth.

Blessed bee the Lorde our God, euen the God of Israel,

Israel, who onely doth wonderfull things. And blessed be the name of his Maiesty for euer, & all the earth shall bee filled with his Maiesty. Amen. Amen.

## A Prayer for him that is a Preacher or Minister.

MOst mercifull God, and loving Father, thou hast called mee (thy poore and vnworthy seruant) to the holy Ministery of thy word: Ordayning me to be a fisher for men, to catch and conduct many soules to the kingdom of heauen.

Thou hast separated me by thy ordinary meanes,

to bee a Preacher of thy Gospell to thy people. Wherefore I beseech thee, because I am vnapt and vnable of my selfe, to fit and furnish me with thy graces, to doe the duty of thy new Testament. To the end, that I may bee a faithfull Minister, and a true dispenser of thy sacred mysteries, to execute iustly my charge, not by constraint, but voluntarily: not for dishonest gain, but with a chearefull courage, and for the loue of thy holy name.

With wholsome doctrine, and faithfulnesse in duty, let me feed thy poore flocke committed to my care: To strengthen the dismaied: to giue physicke to diseased consciences: to bind vp the griefes of such as are wounded: to bring backe

backe those that haue straied, to seeke them that are lost: and to recouer by the spirit of mildnesse, those that are taken in any transgression. Send mee thy sanctifying spirit, which is able to giue me vtterance and wisedome, for distinct deliuerance of thy word: That it may worke powerfully by me thy poore instrumẽt, & abountiful increase to arise by my labours.

O good God, thou hast made mee a watchman ouer thy people, helpe me then I intreate thee, that I may admonish the wicked, and instruct the transgressors of thy holye waies: so that sinners may be conuerted to thee, and many wonne to eternall life.

Giue mee grace also, to liue conformable to thy blessed

blessed word, that I may be an example to my flock, not preaching salvation to others, and damnation to my selfe. Let me give no occasion to adversaries, to blaspheme thy sacred name, by any conversation unbeseeming a Christian, or any way to render them matter of scandall.

But grant both to mee and all my Auditors, thy holy Spirit: to the end, that we increasing in thy feare, true faith and charity: may continue to our lives end, firme in constant hope, which alwaies ought to bee accompanied with unfayned repentance.

So shall we receive together, the precious and unvaluable Crowne of glory, when the Prince of Pastors,

Paſtours, Jeſus Chriſt our Sauiour ſhal appeare in Maieſtie: Who liueth and reigneth with thee, in vnitie of the bleſſed Spirit, worlde without end. So be it.

3. A Prayer for him that is a hearer of Gods word.

ETernall God and heauenly Father, I pray vnto thee for my Paſtour and Teacher, that thou wilt graunt him grace, to preach thy Word with courage, cheareſully and zealouſly: Againſt all errours, falſe Doctrine and abuſiue inſtruction, ſo that he may let mee and others truly know, the myſteries of thy holy Goſpell, and roote

roote vp all euill opinions out of our hearts.

Preserue him in the purity of Doctrine, & Christian conuersation, that he may shewe vs the way to eternall life.

Maintain him in health, that hee may long time instruct with faithfull encrease. Let him deliuer thy holy word without any doubting, feare, Hypocrisie, and without selfe-pleasing affection, hatred, malice, or greedy desire after particuler profit. Let him preach the truth purely, and reproue sinnes as becommeth him: So that I and many others, may thereby bee won to thy euerduring Kingdome.

Open mine heare and eares, that I may take pleasure in hearing thy heauenly word, with deuotion,

uotion, attention, and cordiall affection: So to liue holily thereafter, according as I ought, and to bring forth fruites to thy diuine glory.

Grant mee grace, that thy holy word may neuer be deliuered to me in vain: But that it may worke thine owne will in me, and accomplish the issue which thou sendest it for.

Cleanse my heart from all negligence, slothfulnes and contempt. Make my spirit to haue a holy hunger, and a quenchlesse desire to the most ample riches of thy graces, as they are proposed in the pure preaching of thy word.

Let me haue a reuerend acknowledgement of my Pastour, and esteeme him as thy Minister, and dispenser of thy sacred mysteries:

ries: Receiuing thy word from forth his mouth, euen as it were deliuered out of thine owne: shewing my selfe no way to misprise thy holy Ministery, albeit thou hast conferred it vpon weake fraile men.

Let mee neuer esteeme thy word the worse, for the imperfections or debility in such as deliuer it: But grant mee such assistance, that I may heare and imbrace it willingly, thankfully accepting all reprehensions, or Fatherly corrections & admonitions, which my Pastour shall think fittest for me.

Let me take all in good part, desisting from sinne, and pursuing a new conformity: For such corrections are most conuenient for me, and those kinde re-

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proofes are sweeter then kisses.

Keep vs all in true faith and Christian life, that beleeuing firmly, and growing strong daily, wee may hold on constantly to our ending: And obtaine saluation euerlastingly, in thy deare Sonne Iesus Christ our Sauiour. So be it.

3. A Prayer for him that is a Magistrate, or placed in any degree of Authority.

Most high God, Lord of Heauen and earth, thou hast called mee to the charge of a Magistrate, and hast giuen mee power ouer such people, as

as by thee I am appointed to gouerne. I beseech thee, to giue me also a wise and an vnderstanding heart, to the end I may iudge thy people, to discern betweene good and euill, and pursue that which is right, without any feare or acception of persons.

Giue mee counsell and strength, to doe what thou wouldst haue me: profitable for them vnder me, and alwaies tending to publique peace.

Grant me grace to consider, that from thy hand (O most high God) I receiued the authority which I haue, and that the iudgement which I exercise, is not from men, but of thee onely. Yea, thou art seated in iudgement with me, to ouer-see whatsoeuer I doe, and one day thou wilt

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make a strickt inquiry, and looke into euery action of mine. In regard, that I am but an vnder-Officer of thy Kingdome, and cannot long liue or continue in so weighty a charge: for ordinarily it comes to passe, to day a King, to morrow dead.

Now because it is ordained, that more narrowe and seuere iudgement wil be had of vs that are aboue others, and do not execute our authority directly, or gouerne our selues according to thy will, O God. In regard also, that the mighty shall be rigorously punished, because thou (being Lord ouer all) makest spare of no person, neither dreadest the power of any one (considering thou madest both great and small, and hast an equall care of all:)

all:) Helpe mee (O most mercifull and eternall God) I beseech thee, that I may neuer goe proude or presumptuous, but suffer my selfe to be taught and corrected by thy word. That I may truly doe my duty, and not bee transported or led away, either in doing, or suffering shame & outrage to be done to any one. And that I may neuer consent to iniquity, neither decline or turne out of the right way.

I am thy seruant, Son of thy seruant, a weake man, of slender continuance, and very vnskilfull in the knowledge of thy right and lawes.

Therefore, send downe wisedom from thy heauenly throane, that she may be with me and aide me: that shee may instruct mee in those

those things, which are acceptable in thy sight. To conduct me directly in all my doings, and keepe me euer in awe of thy Maiestie: that all my actions may be pleasing to thee, in Iesus Christ my Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

## 4. A Prayer for a Subiect.

MOst meek and merciful God, who hast established all Rulers and Magistrates, hauing cõfirmed them also by thy sacred word. I pray vnto thee for that body politique, vnder whose protectiõ & gouernment thou hast appointed me to liue. May it please thee, to preserue the chiefe head & maine piller therof, constant

constant in true knowledge of the Christiã faith. Bleſſe him with long life, peaceable gouernement, and all other graces or proſperities of body and ſoule: To the end, that vnder his rule, wee may lead a tranquill and peacefull life, in all godlineſſe and honeſtie, for the glory of thy bleſſed name. Grant good God to our Magiſtrate, wiſedome & knowledge, to doe what thou likeſt, and leaue what thou hateſt: to be alwaies readie in thoſe things, that bring the benefit of peace, and are profitable for encreaſing our generall good.

Maintaine him in the charge thou haſt committed to him, let thy grace defend him againſt all his enemies: that either openly doe endeuour, or priuately practiſe

practise to take away his life, or seeke to trouble the State by treasons and trecheries.

Helpe him, good Lord, patiently to endure all trauailes or afflictions, that may happen to him in so great a charge: And be as gracious to his children or heires, blessing them with long life, firme faith and feare of thee.

Grant vnto me, and all such as are subiects, as I am, obedient hearts, dutifull to acknowledge our Magistrate, and such Officers as he sendeth. Especially they that hold place in this estate, according to thine ordinance: Let vs honor them, respect them, obey them in all humility, and keepe our selues from offending or rising against them.

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For they that resist the Magistrate, doe resist thy ordinance, and purchase condēnation against themselues.

Giue me grace likewise, to render to my superiours, and such as haue power ouer me, whatsoeuer is my duty to yeeld them, with a voluntary hart, and free from any falshoode. For it is saide vnto vs: Giue vnto all mē, that which yee owe them, tribute, to whom tribute belongeth. &c.

Preserue vs from mutinies, conuert such as are rebellious. Be assistant to vs, that we may render to thee our good God, obedience aboue all other, and next thee, to our Ruler and Magistrate: that departing out of this mortal life, we may come together into

to thy Kingdome, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. A Prayer for him that is a Husband.

Almighty and most mercifull GOD, thou hast instituted holy mariage, and honoured it with the first miracle of Jesus christ thy deare Sonne. Approuing it an estate most acceptable to thee, and wherin many Patriarchs and Prophets lived holily, and to thy good liking.

Thou hast likewise called mee to this condition, and dooſt take delight in three things, namely: whē brethren liue in vnity together, when neighbours loue equally: and whē man

and wife agree in the bond of concord. I beseech thee then (frō the bottom of my heart) to grant mee grace, that I may liue with my wife in loue and Christian concord, behauing my selfe discreetly towards her, as being the weaker vessell. But yet in such sort to respect her, as being fellow heire with me to life eternall. Graunt that I may instruct her, with our children and family, in thy holy knowledge and feare, with all honesty & modestie: And so assist her, that she may be obedient to me in all thinges, tending to goodnes and godlines.

Keepe farre off from vs the enemy to mariage, that he raise not troubles or dissentions between vs. But if (through infirmity) wee fall at any time into some houſ-

houſhold quarrell: Helpe vs, good God, wee beſeech thee, to be ſoone reconciled again in thy feare, that our prayers may not be hindered, or wee giue ſcandale to any other. Gouerne ſo my heart, that I may beare no eſpeciall affection to any, but my wife onely, or looke vpō a woman with a luſtfull eye: but keepe me euer truly to mine owne. Preſerue me, my wife, children and family, from hurtfull ſicknes and diſeaſes, according to thine owne good pleaſure.

And grant vnto me thy ſeruant, that I may carefully follow the workes of my vocation: to eate my bread in the ſweate of my browes, and neuer to bee idle: becauſe I was borne to worke and labour, ac-

cording to thine appointment.

Extend thy benediction ouer all my good meanes, that they may grow great and encreaſe, without wrong or preiudice to others.

Let mee haue ſuch menſeruants, maid-ſeruants, and other worke-men, as are true and faithfull: both to keepe my houſe, and whatſoeuer elſe thou haſt here lent me, from pilfery, robbery, and all other inconueniences. Helpe vs patiently to vnder-goe the burden of all croſſes, and gather vs together (after this life) in thy heauenly Kingdome, with all thoſe that haue here liued in honorable mariage. So be it.

## 6. A Prayer for her that is a Wife.

My God and faithfull Father, seeing thou hast bestowed so great grace vpon mee, as to call me to the sanctified estate of mariage, wherin I may serue and be acceptable to thee: Be further yet gracious to mee thy poore seruant, that I may haue the feare of thy holy name continually before mine eies: that I may loue thee and (aboue all things) trust in thee my Creator and Redeemer.

Let mee be constant in thy faith, dilection, sanctification and feare, and (next vnto thee) that I may respect, honour, and loue my

husband, without bearing affection to any other.

Assist me good GOD, that following thy holy ordenance, my will may bee subiected to my husbands, to obey him in all vprightnesse: And that the inwarde part of my hart, may be adorned with a sweete and peacefull spirit, and all other holy vertues beside. Answerable to those holy women heretofore, who were wiues to the blessed Patriarches: going decently apparelled, trusting in God, and alwaies beeing subiect to their owne husbands.

Grant vnto me thy seruant, a chast & honest conuersation, with true feare and humility, to the end: That in all pietie (with gentle and affable words) I may appease my husbands

hands displeasure, and appeare before him in all pleasing manner.

Let me bring vp and instruct my childrē, with the rest of my family, for the glory of thy name: and let their hearts bee willingly obedient to me, in whatsoeuer is good, and I to proue still a faithful helper to my husband. In the ordering of our household, & dispensation of those blessings, which by thy grace thou hast bestowed vpon vs: So gouerne mee, O Lord, that nothing may be lost through my negligence: But that I may be honestly sparing, helping my husband to labour, doing all things seemely for my vocation, that I may the better haue meanes, to respect others necessities, and open my hands

wide to them that be poore.

Preserue vs frō vnfaithfull followers, men-seruants or maide-seruants, who easily may waste and lessen our best meanes.

Giue mee grace also, equally to endure all aduersities incident to mariage: not ouer greeuously to bee cast downe, when tribulations come vpon vs: neither too proudly exalted, when prosperity shineth. Considering that by aduersities & temptations, our faith is best prooued, and our patience exercised.

O Lord my God, I commend my self, my husband, my children, and all my people into thy powerfull hands: Desiring thee to keepe vs from sin, shame, and all other inconueniences, for the loue of Jesus christ our sauiour. So be it.

## 7. A Prayer for a Childe, Sonne or Daughter.

RAtious God, and heauenly Father, thou hast enioyned Children alwaies to honor their Fathers and Mothers. and takest delight (for thy deare Sons sake Iesus Christ) in the seruice & obedience they render vnto them: hauing promised to recompence this iust duty, with long life and other benedictions beside.

Therfore from the lowest depth of my heart, I most humbly intreat thee, to be so louingly gratious vnto me: as to blesse with long life my Father and Mother, and them whom

thou shalt thinke meete to succeede in their places: euermore defending them frō all dangerous diseases, and all other afflictions, casualties or dammages.

Giue me likewise an vnderstanding and willing hart, to obey them in al dutifull humility, and also all other, who (by their appointment) shall haue authority to commaund mee. Let me honour them with works, words & patience, that their blessing (begd of thee) may come vpon me.

Prouide so for me good Lord, that I may be able to compasse some honest means, wherby to succour my Father in his aged yeares, & neuer to greeue him al the daies of his life. Let me beare with his infirmities, and neuer dispise him, though hee fall into child-

childhood againe, and I be better able in giftes of knowledge then he.

Let mee likewise neuer make sad my deare Mothers heart, that bare mee with great pain and griefe so long in her wombe, and suffered much more care in bringing me vp. Let mee neuer forsake either of them any one day of my life, least their bitter curse doe fall vpon me.

Moreouer I beseech thee (O good God) that if heretofore I haue beene disobedient, or rebellious against my Father & Mother: it would please thee to pardon me in thy great mercy.

Impute not the sinnes and iniquities of my younger daies vnto me, neither bee mindfull of my ignorances & stubborne transgressions:

greſſions: But grant mee grace to acknowledge my folly, repenting whatſoeuer I haue diſpleaſed thee in. Cõuerting now to thee by true faith, & an inward penitent heart: As hauing wary regard to that example, which our Sauiour Ieſus gaue to all children, who in his youth was ſubiect to his Mother and Ioſeph. Euen ſo let mee alwaies be found in Chriſtian obedience.

Mercifull God, preſerue me from the euil company of wicked people, that I may neuer be ſeene among them. But if they ſeeke to allure, draw, or forcibly cõpel me, that yet the feare of thee may keepe backe my feet, and I not walke with them the way of perdition. As thou encreaſeſt my yeares, ſo (good God) bleſſe me

me with increase of wisedome and grace towardes thee, and the loue of all good men, for thy deare Sons sake, Iesus Christ my Sauiour. So be it.

## A Praier for a Man or Maid Seruant.

MErcifull God thou hast redeemed mee, by the passion and death of thy dearly beloued Son from eternall seruitude, the dominion of sinne, the power of darknesse, and the most cruell tyranny of the Diuell, crowning thy self as Lord and Master, with victory ouer death and hell. I beseech thee to be so gracious to mee, as not to forsake me in this condition of bodily seruice where-

wherto thou hast appointed mee a while here on earth.

Let me not murmure (thorow impatience) against thine ordinance, nor cast an enuious eie at a place of higher reckoning, wherin (by thy will) others are constituted. But let me willingly (and with a good heart) submit my selfe to thine appointment: as being perswaded, that my seruice is not done to men, but to thee my God, who art in Heauen.

Eternall and soueraign Lord of heauen and earth, be helpfull to me, that I may serue, obey, feare, and loue thee, aboue all other thinges in this world, reposing the whole hope of my saluation in thee.

Let me also be obedient in

in all things (that are not against thine ordenance) to my Master and Mistresse: not onely when they be kind and gentle, but likewise when passion makes them fierce and angry. Rendring them my service in dutifull feare and true simplicity of heart, as to my Lorde and Master Christ: Not with anye eye-service, as desirous to please men, but with a faithfull heart, in regarde of thine ordenance and commandement.

Graunt mee grace, to bee true and loyall in whatsoeuer is commanded mee, that I waste not or destroy any thing, and that no losse or damage happen by my improuidence.

Let me neuer be desirous of others goods, being but

but giuen mee in charge, and not (by me) to be impaired or iniured dishonestly.

Preserue me in health, and all the parts of my body, giue me also wisedome and vnderstanding, to doe the businesse of my Master or Mistresse as I ought, & to increase their meanes by thine aide and furtherance. So that they (being blessed by my diligence, multiplied, and no way diminished) may also haue comforte of mine honest endeuors. And that whatsoeuer I take in hand or execute, may redound to the glory of thy blessed name, and make an holy exercising of my faith, thorow Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour, who liueth with thee in the vnity of Spirite, world with-

without end. So be it.

## A Prayer for a young Man, or a yong Maide.

LOrd God Almighty, who art pure in essence, eternally chaste, without spot or blemish, and takest delight in cleane hearts, and sanctified conuersation. I humbly beseech thee, to create in me a pure heart, and a setled spirit of assurance: to the end, that I may serue thee in true faith and feare, and loue thee withall my heart and strength.

Preserue me from all wicked desires, and from all immodest or vnchaste behauiour. Let me meddle with no vaine commixtions, or be couetous after

after strange beauty and complexion: neither let mee bee licentious, in affecting carnall pleasures which make waye to sinne, and nourish vncleannesse.

Stifle all inordinate desires in my heart, and quench in me the flames of fleshly concupiscence: that I may alwaies turne mine eies from corrupt entisings, and gaze vpon no face to bee lustfully kindled.

When thou sufferest me to walke abroad, let me meet with no euill disposed company, that giue themselues to impudencie and blushlesse behauiour: Neither let me then fall by surfetting and drunkennesse, wherin is no meane but all dissolutenesse.

Stop mine eares against vaine

vaine words, vile profers, and vnciuill communication, which better doth beseeme the Heathen, then to be vsed in Christian assemblies.

Keepe me from pride, rioting, negligence and slothfulnesse, which are the trappes and snares of Sathan. Guard me from those places, persons and all occasions, that may moone and sollicite me to vnshamefastnesse: Least by such wicked conuersation, I make the members of Christ no better then an harlots.

Assist me then, that I may render thee seruice in true faith, with an vndefiled soule, and a spotlesse body, like as thou didst Ioseph did in Egypte. At what time (in thy good pleasure) thou shalt like to call

call mee to the blessed estate of mariage: then let thy grace so guide me, that I may enter the same in thy feare. Not for vaine affection, or immodest curiosity, but according to thy sanctified ordenance, and for the one of children, to magnifie here below thine everliuing name.

Graunt me a good and honest yoake-fellow, with whom I may liue happily in peace and concord: For thou knowest the hearts, and vnderstandest the thoughts, properties and conditions of all humane creatures. Houses and riches, they doe commonly come from the inheritance of Parents: But a wife husband or wife, doe come from thee O Lord, it is a gift which thou bestowest vpon none, but them that feare

feare thee.

For this cause therefore I cry vnto thee, beseeching thee in mercy, to keep me from the wicked, riotous, and such as are addicted to sinne: for Jesus Christs sake, my Lord and Saviour. So be it.

## A Prayer for a woman greate with child.

Almighty and most mercifull God, Creator of heauen and earth, it was thy will (by reason of sinne) that I and all other women, should bring forth children with paine and trauaile, and in that kind to encrease the world.

Now albeit this thy will is irreprehensible, good and holy, in regarde that

that whatsoeuer thou didst make or ordaine, is most good: yet I humbly beseech thee (poore wretched creature as I am) to be so gracious vnto mee, that I may retaine thy faith firme and constantly, which is grounded vpon thy great mercy, in Iesus Christ my Sauioure, that so neuer distrusting thy grace, thy right hand alwaies may bee my helper.

Assist me with patience to support all mine anguishes, and in the needfull time, benignely deliuer me of the burden wherewith I am laden. Let me see (with ioy after griefe) the fruit which thou hast created in my wombe, thereby to conuert my moanes into mirth. But in meane space, preserue both mee and

and mine infant, from all euill and inconueniences.

Turne away mine eies, that I may neuer see anye deformed shape, and that (thorowe ouer great or violent imagination) my selfe proone not the cause, that my fruit shal be imperfect or mishapen.

So order my behauiour, that (by neglect in slipping or falling) I receiue no hurt any waye, neither let me (thorowe extreame choler or otherwise) bring any preiudice to the poore infant in my belly, or disasterous chance any way to annoy it.

Let mee haue a care, how I goe or walke abroad. And when the hour for deliuerance commeth, be

be thou then strongest of all for me. That I may lie downe in ioy, without any feare: and calling truly vpon thy name, I may comfort my selfe in thy holy promises of assistance bringing into the worlde a liuing humane creature, well formed and fashioned after thine owne Image.

Graunt the child such grace, that it may receiue blessed Baptisme: to the end, that beeing regenerated by water and the holy Ghost, for life euerlasting: It may also be an heire of thy heauenly kingdome, seruing thee in true knowledge and sanctified conuersation.

O Lord God, most gracious Father, preserue me from all vntimely and a borrine childbirth. Thou art my God and faithfull Saui-

Sauiour, in all necessities whatsoeuer, my hope and life is onely in thee, and though thou shouldst kill me, yet will I trust in thee.

Therfore I commit my selfe wholly to thy will, which is euermore the best for me: Entreating thee to haue care of me, and the fruit in my womb, for loue of the most bitter passion, and innocent blood-shedding of Christ my Redeemer. So be it.

## A Prayer for a man or woman, being in the estate of Widowhood.

True, faithfull and eternall God, Father of our Lorde Iesus Christ, 

by whose will it is, that I should fall into the miserable estate of widdowhood, in taking my deare yoake-fellow from me by death. I crie vnto thee in this mine affliction, humbly intreating thee, that thou wouldst take compassion vpon me, and (in thy great goodnesse) pardon all the sinnes which I haue committed against thee. Confirme my faith by thy blessed spirit, that it may neuer be weakned, for thou art my eternall Sauiour and comfort.

Turne thy louing countenance, and be mercifull to me, because I am alone and afflicted, which am to bee holpen by none but thee.

Send me maintenance, as thou didst prouide for the widdow of Sarepta, to whom

whome thou didst send the Prophet Elias, and miraculously gauest her nourishment in the time of famine.

Haue care of me, and be my comforter, vnderstand my need, and deliuer me in aduersity. Let me finde grace among all Magistrates, that they knowing and iudging of my affaires rightly, may defend me from all iniurie and violence.

Raise me vp such friends and benefactors, as either in charity or fidelity, may take my cause into their hands, and assist me thorowly with counsel in my necessities. Preserue mee from lying tongues, which are sharpened like a Rasor, or resemble an arrow, let loose with great strength. Deliuer mee

from the calamities and wicked speeches, of such as giue themselues to vanity: who deliuer lewde words as out of a bow, hauing taught or accustomed their tongues to detecting.

I desire of thee also (O my Lord God) that I may carry my selfe well and holily in my widowhood, keeping a chast conuersation, and yeelding good example to others.

In all aduersities, let my trust be onely in thee my Sauiour: without any impatient behauiour, incredulity, or weaknesse of courage in mine afflictions: but rather strengthned in faith, praying euer to thee both night and day. As the eies of the handmaid waiteth on the hand of her Mistresse: so do mine eies attend vpon thee the

the eternall God, vntill thou shalt take pitty vpon me. Therefore (O Lord) take pitty on me: For I haue my fill of contempt. My soule is ouerglutted with mockes and scornes, which proud men, (wallowing on their beds of ease) doe dayly throw at me. Heare then my requests, for thy deare Sons sake Iesus Christ. So be it.

## A Prayer for a Trauailer by Sea or Land.

ALmighty God in thy name will I trauaile vpon the way, beginning the voyage which I haue vndertaken, with inuocating thy great mercie. For thou art our God, that lookest vnto the

beginning and ending, thou setteſt our feete in the right path, to the end wee ſhould not ſlide or fall. Leade mee then on the waye in thine owne ordinances, and preſerue mee from all falſe opinions.

May it pleaſe thee, to accompany me with thy holy Angells, giuing them charge and commaundement, to keep me whereſoeuer I goe: Conducting me by good waies, to mine intended place of trauaile, and then to bring me back ſafe and ſound, to mine owne dwelling, louers and friends.

Deale with me as thou didſt with young Tobias, who was guided by thy Angell Raphael to Rages in Medea, and afterward ſafely returned home againe.

O Lord my God, so order my footsteps, that I neither slip, slide, or hurt my selfe by falling. Let me not wander out of my way, and so be endangered by waters, woods, theeues, or any lewd company: Keepe wild beastes far off from me, and all other molestations of body or soule.

Let me meet with honest people, that may kindly entertaine, lodge, and exercise the workes of mercy towards me. Yea, so assist me, that I may well and happily accomplish mine affaires, and afterward (in peace) returne home to my house.

Be neere vnto mee, in all my foorth-goomgs and backe returninges. Euen as thou wast with the holy Patriarche Iacob,

cob, when he iournyed into Mesopotamia: And as thou spakest to him, when he went into Egypt, saying: I will descend with thee, and also cause thee to bee brought backe againe.

O as thou diddest accompany the children of Israell thorow the red Sea, and likewise all along the inhabitable comfortlesse desert: walking before them all daye in the piller of the cloude, and in a fiery piller by night, to direct them their way. May it please thee (in like maner) to be with me, walking before me in all this iourney: accompanying and defending me from loosing my way, from meeting with any euil accident, and from all other dangers whatsoeuer.

euer. Prouide all necessarie occasions for mee, and neuer doe thou abandon or forsake me: but alwaies be my good shepheard and conducter.

I recommend my body and soule into thy hands, my wife, children, house and houshold family, and all that else appertaineth to me. Be gracious to me, that I may returne safely, to find all mine in health, and my goods in security. So be it.

A Prayer for any one, that is grieuously anguished or afflicted.

LOrd, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neyther punish me in thy heauy displeasure.

For thyne arrowes are fired fast in me, and thine hand prefleth mee downe.

There is no health at all in my body, by reason of thy threatnings, neither is there any reſt in my bones, in regard of my ſinnes. My heart trembleth, my ſtrength forſaketh me, and my ſight faileth mee for very trouble.

Afflictions (without meane) haue round engirt mee, my ſinnes haue enſnared mee, exceeding in number the haires on my head.

The chaines of death haue bound me faſt, and the paines of hell encloſed me about.

Behold, mine own conſcience witneſſeth againſt me, I feele nothing elſe but the ſorrowes of death: nor

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can I take any rest, in fearfull consideration of hell torments. I am as in deep waters, where I feele no bottome, or as sticking fast in the mudde, and no way able to get out.

My soule is ouer-charged with miseries, and my life drawes neere to hell gates. I am accounted as one of those that go downe into the pit: My heart is anguished within my body, and the feare of death is falne vpon me.

O Lorde God deliuer me, haste, haste, haste thee to helpe me. Plucke backe my soule frō the torments of hell, pardon me all my sinnes, and those greeuous iniquities which I haue committed against thee: For Sathan makes great mountaines of them, to the end that I may gain no sight

ſight of thy grace.

Suffer me (at leaſt) to haue ſome vnderſtanding of thy mercy, and leaue me not vnprouided of thy fatherly fauour. Comfort me againe, O my God, that my heart may be appeaſed and quieted, for thou art much greater then my heart. And although it doe accuſe me, yet by the bleſſed tidings of thy Euangelicall Doctrine, thou canſt aſſuredly comforte and ſtrengthen me. Albeit my ſinnes are without meaſure, and as red as blood: yet art thou far more mighty, & haſt the meanes to mak them as white as ſnow.

Reſt thy ſelfe then, O my ſoule, wherefore art thou aſtoniſhed, and ſo troubled within me? Awaite on the Lord thy God and helper, hee will drawe thee out of

of anguish, and lodge thee in a more spatious place. He will bestow all goodnes vpon thee, because in him alone grace, succour & deliuerance aboundeth.

Hee takes no delight in the death of a sinner, but rather that hee should conuert and liue. He hath redeemed thee from all thy sinnes, and will preserue thee from euery euill: in Iesus Christ his deare Sonne, and thy Sauiour. So be it.

A Prayer to be vsed when it Lightens, Thunders, or in any other dangerous Tempests.

ALmighty God, it behoueth that all those that holde any authority vpō earth,

earth, should glorifie thee, and reuerendly prostrate themselues dayly before thee.

For thou beeing Eternall, and mounted vpon the throne of thy Holinesse dost shew thy might and power in all places. The voice of the Lord soundeth like vnto greate waters, the God of glory maketh thunder. The voice of the Eternall is strong and magnificent, the earth is shaken and trembleth, and the foundations of the mountaines are remoued.

Smoake commeth forth of his nostrils, and a deuouring fire out of his mouth, euen as when it lightens and thunders. Thy tabernacle is round enuironed with darkenesse, and cloudes which are both thicke and blacke:

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Wherein thou hidest thy selfe, treading all obscurity underneath thy feete, and from the brightnesse which is before thee, the clouds are scattered and dispearsed.

Great God, thou thundrest in Heauen, and makest thy voice to be heard on earth: thou driuest the winds out of their secret caues, and makest them returne into their places, after they haue executed thy command. All things are subiect to thee, they acknowledge thee for their Creator, and they tremble before thy most high Maiesty.

The loftiest mountains and the very lowest deeps, are amazed when thou wexest to bee displeased: the whole earth quaketh, the Sea and all other waters

waters flie before thine anger.

The voyce of the Eternall shiuers the flames of fire in sunder, hee makes the Deserts tremble, and the Lord is King for euer. He wil giue strength vnto his people, and (with peace) extend his blessings vpon them.

Gratious God, preserue vs from thy insupportable anger, pardon vs our sins, let thine amiable countenance shine vpon vs, and alwaies be neare vnto vs. Spare vs good Lord, that this greeuous, sudden and terrible tempest may passe away, without doing any dammage. Keepe our bodies, our houses and al our goods, from lightening, fiering or any such like destruction.

Preserue the fruites of the

the earth, that they may not bee spoiled by frostes, stormes, floods of water, or any other inconveniences: And blesse vs all from euill, sudden and vnprepared death. O God the Father, who didst cause thy deare Sonne to suffer the torments of the Crosse for me: be my defender.

Iesus king of the Iewes, that dyedst a most bitter death for mee: be my protector.

Holy Ghost, which art the Spirit of adoption, and rendrest testimonie to my spirit, that I am the Child of God: be euer my keeper, that no harme or mischance happen vnto mee. Amen.

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## A Praier to be vsed in the time of Pestilence or any other mortality.

Verlining God, we humbly confesse, that by our sinnes we haue too often offended against thee, iustly deserning all kindes of punishmentes whatsoeuer. For alasse, we haue altogether gone astray, and are become vterly vnprofitable: in that neither our fathers, or we haue kept thy commandements, lawes, and statutes: But with most contrite and repentant hearts, wee doe now intreate thy great mercie, in fauour of Iesus Christe thy deare Sonne: And not to deale with vs as our sins

sinnes doe deserue, but (according to thy long forbearance and compassion) to take pitty vpon vs.

Come a little neerer Lord, and (in thy fatherly affection) withdraw from vs this horrible plague of pestilence, and let vs not die of this dreadfull death. Take vs not away in thine anger, neither assemble our soules among sinners, or our liues with the wicked, but let thy fury and indignation cease and bee appeased. What, wilt thou be angry with vs for euer? And shall thy rage passe so violently against vs, as to make an end of vs altogether? Wilt thou not restore vs againe, that thy people once more may reioice in thee? Lord shewe vs thy fauour and wonted assistance, remember thine olde

olde loning kindneſſe and mercy: euen for thine own names ſake bee mindfull of it.

O good God, thou art iuſt, and all thy iudgments are vnreprouceable: For we haue ſinned, and prouoked thy iuſt diſpleaſure againſt vs, ſo that (euen in mere right) this heauie rod is come vpon vs.

But pardon the tranſgreſſions of thy people, and take away from vs this ſudden contagion. In regard of the moſt greeuous paſſion of Ieſus Chriſt, preſerue vs from all euill, ſudden death & euerlaſting damnation. But if it bee thy bleſſed will, by this plague to chaſtiſe vs yet more for our iniquities: Giue vs grace & ſtrength, patiently to endure thy fatherly hand, and no way

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to dispaire by reason of thy punishment. For when we are iudged, we are then taught by thee O Lord, to the end, wee should not be condemned with the world. And much better it is for vs to be temporally corrected, then eternally in the other life to come.

Wee rather desire then (most louing Father) to fall into thy hands, then the hands of men, because thy grace and mercy is great. Let vs therefore continually holde firme faith in Iesus Christ, who is the everlasting propitiation, and most perfect sacrifice for all our sinnes. So be it.

A Prayer

## A Prayer against the Turke, or other persecutors.

Almighty God, King of Kings, Lord of heauen and earth, wee acknowledge, that we and our fathers haue committed multitudes of sinnes against thee. We haue fild vp the mouth of iniquity, and shewne our selues so wicked, that (hauing prouoked thee to wrath) wee haue not onelye merited temporall, but also eternall punishments.

But yet wee beseeche thee with penitent hearts, that (in grace) it would please thee, and for thy deare Sons sake: to pardon all our sinnes, and defend vs against the horrid tyranny, and mighty power

er of the Turke.

Thou seest Lord, how far he is entred vpon thine inheritance, hoping to defile thy Church, and reduce whole Cities and townes into heapes of stones. The bodies of thy seruants, hath he giuen to bee fed on by the fowles of the heauen: and the flesh of thy Saints, to the beasts of the field. He hath powred out the bloud of Christians like water, not suffering any one to bury their bodies. Permit not vs (Lord) in like maner to be a by-word, mockery, and contempt to our neighbours.

How long (O Lorde) wilt thou bee offended? shall thine anger consume like a quenchlesse fire? Remember not our precedent iniquities, but hastily take

take compaſſion vpon vs, for we are become but few and poore.

O God of our ſalnation aſſiſt vs, reuenge vs, and diſcharge vs of our ſinnes, euen for the loue of thy glorious name. Why doſt thou ſuffer Pagans to ſay: Where is now their God? Let vengeance for the bloode of thy ſeruants (which hath beene ſo lamiſhly ſhed by them) bee manifeſted vpon them in our preſence. Let the ſighings of poore Chriſtian priſoners, come vp before thee, and by thy great power, preſerue them that are markt out for death. Let Turkes looſe their courage, as hauing neither hart or hardines, and ſhrink vp the ſinnewes in their armes.

Defend thou vs, O great

great God of battailes, shew vs thy succour: to the end, that there may be matter of reioycing by the well doing of thy people, and wee with thy whole heritage, to glorifie thee. Be alwaies at hand with vs, for thy names sake, because there is no other that can fight for vs, but onely thou O God.

Lift vp thy strong arme against those strangers, to the ende, that they may knowe what wee knowe, namely: That there is no other God beside thee. So be it.

## A generall Confession of sinnes, with prayer to obtaine pardon for them.

IVst God and merciful father, I confesse that

not only I was conceiued and borne in sinne: but that all the whole time of my life (euen from mine infancie vntil this present) I haue (alas) committed many and most great iniquities.

For I haue not (O my God) neither loued, feared nor obeyed thee, as I ought to haue done: nor haue I put my trust in thee, with all my heart, with all my soule, with al my strength, and with all my vnderstanding faculties.

I haue not called vpon thy name, neither glorified thy sacred Maiestie: but rather haue abused it, by cursing, swearing, lying and euill speaking. I haue often neglected the preaching of thy holy word, Or when I haue beene attentiue therto, my amend-

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ment of life hath beene litle bettered thereby.

I haue been disobedient to my Father, Mother and Superiours: Nor haue I loued my neighbor as my selfe, but rather haue hated, despised, and done him much dammage.

I haue shewen my selfe vnshamefaced in wordes and deeds, and in my practise or vocation, I haue addicted my selfe to sundry deceits and subtill beguilings: contrary to the charity due to my neighbor. I haue defamed, & slandered those that haue conuersed with me, & haue bin couetous of many thinges not appertaining to me.

I haue beene proud, auaritious, vnchaste, cholerick, gluttenous, enuious and slothfull. Nay, I haue giuē occasion to my neigh-

bours whereby to sinne, & haue violated the league or bonde made to thee in my Baptisme. I confesse then (with sorrow and vnfaigned repentance) the sins which I haue directly committed against thee, in wordes, workes, or thoughts, openly or priuately: yea, all my secret faults, wherein thou knowest, better then I doe, how guilty I am.

I am an vnprofitable seruant, that haue trespassed against heauen and before thee, I am not worthy to be called thy childe, neither to lift mine eyes vp vnto thee. For I haue offended thee by many great and enormous iniquities. I haue charged my soule and conscience, with a weightier burden then I am able to beare.

Yet

Yet notwithstanding all this, I humbly appeare before thy throne of grace, appealing from thy seuere iustice, to thy more mighty mercie. O Lord my God, be neere to mee a poore wretched sinner, pardon my transgressions, and receiue as a full satisfaction for them, the innocent death of thy dearely beloued Sonne Jesus Christ. Graunting me grace hereafter, and hence forward to amend my sinfull life. So be it.

A Prayer to be saide before receiuing the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

LOrde Jesus Christ, eternall Sonne of GOD, who diddest suffer

death in thy humane nature, to redeeme vs from sinne and endlesse destruction.

In the last supper which thou hadst with thy Disciples, it pleased thee to ordaine and establish, a perpetual memorie of this thy loving faithfulnes. To the end, that it might neuer be forgotten.

There thou didst institute a new league or bond, whereby the sinnes of the faithfull are for euer cancelled. And didst likewise appoint vs, to eate in the bread (by faith) thy true body, and to drinke in the wine, thy precious blood: Adding thereunto a gracious promise, of full forgiuenes of all our sinnes.

Wee poore and miserable humaine creatures, come now vnto thee (as to

to the ſourſe or fountaine of all grace) Entreating that it would pleaſe thee, to waſh vs from all our ſinfull blemiſhes, to make clean our ſoules, and new create them. To the end, that with true penitence, in firme faith, honour and reuerence (being worthily prepared) wee may receiue thoſe bleſſed viands of our ſaluation.

Grant that by this myſterie of the new Teſtament, our faith may be encreaſed, our hope ſtrengthened, our charity enflamed, our weake conſciences cõforted, and all temptations ſurmounted. So that being throughly aſſured in our ſoules, of thy diuine fauour and eternall ſaluation, wee may feele that ſupernal grace, which is vayled or hidden vn-

der this blessed Sacrament.

Most gentle Lord, let the eies of our spirits bee illumined, to know what the hope of our inheritance is, and the vnualuable riches of this most excellent banquet. Wherein, with thy precious bodie and blood, thou communicatest vnto vs, and freely appropriatest to euerie one of vs, all the treasures of celestiall happinesse: To wit, remission of sinnes, true righteousnesse, and life euerlasting. Assist vs, that with good desires and holy affections, wee may often and worthilie partake of this blessed Sacrament.

Roote out of our harts all corruptions that displease thee, and may impeach

peach or turne vs away from thee. Enlarge the way of thy grace before vs, for our more neere approching to thee. To the end, that being partakers of the fruite of this holy Table: Our soules (famished and ouerpressed with hunger before) may be filled and fully satisfied. And eate with thee likewise (in the life to come) the bread celestiall in thy Heauenly Kingdome. So be it.

## Another Prayer for the same purpose.

LOrde Iesus christ, I am vnworthy to open my mouth, & receiue the blessed Sacrament of thy body & blood. For I am a

poore sinner, and thou art such a Lord, as the Heauen of Heauens cannot comprehend thee.

How is it possible then, that a wretched humaine creature, who is but dust and ashes, should any way be worthie to receiue thy precious body and blood? I knowe very well, and doe confesse it, that the multitude of my sinnes is great, and euen (for this occasion) I am most vnworthy of all other, to present my selfe at this celestiall Banquet.

In the meane while neuertheless, I beleeue in my heart, and confesse it with my mouth, that (by thy grace) thou canst make and render mee worthie. For thou art Almightie, mercifull, & hast the meanes to make pure and holy, what-

whatsoeuer cõmeth from vncleane seede.

Men and women, that are wretched sinners by nature, thou canst deliuer them for iust and holy: When (by grace) thou hast quitted their sinnes, and renewed them by thy sanctifying Spirit.

Therefore I most humbly entreate thee, that by thy vertue and diuine charity, thou wilt graunt me grace to bee prepared, or poorely worthy, to present my selfe before thy Table. Not to presume thither as an intruder, for so I should come most vnworthily, and bee guiltie of thy bodie and blood, and receiue death in stead of life. Assist me then, that I may acknowledge my selfe to be a poore wretched sinner, and that I may take

take a true examination of my selfe: Whether I haue hearty contrition for my sinnes or no, and whether I discerne rightly thy pretious body and blood.

O my God, let mee alwaies submit my reason, sense and vnderstanding, to thy diuine word, and strengthen mee by thine aide, with all my might to amend my sinfull life. To the end, that in this blessed Sacrament, I may not receiue onely by my mouth thy bodie and blood: But that in true faith, I may also receiue my Sauiour and Redeemer, locking him vp fast in my heart, as hauing in him all life and saluation.

For thou art the liuing bread, that didst descend downe from Heauen, and giuest

giueſt life to all men. They that come to thee, ſhall neuer more be hungry: they that beleeue in thee, ſhall neuer more thirſt: and they which eate thy fleſh and drinke thy blood, ſhall remaine in thee, and thou in them, and to haue life eternally.

Moſt gracious Lorde, like as the Hart deſireth the water brooke: euen ſo my ſoule longeth after thee. My ſoule is thirſtie for my God, who is the liuing God, when ſhall I come to the place, where I may ſee thy face? O my GOD, repleniſh mee with thy heauenly fauour. Amen.

Thankſ-

## Thanksgiuing to be vsed after receiuing the blessed Sacrament.

Iesus Christ, our true soueraign and eternall Sacrifice, thou art seated at the right hand of God, vpon the throne of Maiesty in Heauen: hauing the administration of all goodnesse to come, and of the true Tabernacle, which is not made by hands.

Thou entredst once (by thy precious blood) into the holy places, and hast obtained eternal Redemption: when without any spot (by the blessed Spirit) thou didst sacrifice thy selfe vnto the Father: to cleanse our

our consciences from all dead workes, to the end that we might serue the liuing God.

Therefore we giue thee thanks with all our harts, because, by willing obedience to thy Father (euen in ardent charity, mighty integrity, and vnspeakable patient humility) thou didst suffer a most ignominious death on the Crosse for vs poore miserable and wretched sinners.

Moreouer, thou hast instituted this blessed Sacrament, for an eternall memory of thy faithfulnes and fauour on our behalfe: Leauing it likewise, as an earnest penny, seale or testimony, for the remission of our sinnes.

Thou hast called and brought vs to the Communion of this wonderful see-

feeding. To the end, that we might refresh our hungrie soules, languishing thirstily after life everlasting.

O Lord my God, great is thy love, thy mercy unexpressable, and thy grace incomprehensible. Thou despisest no persons comming to this heauenly banquet, except they exclude themselues, or intrude thither vnworthily.

If any one doe hunger or thirst, here he is fully satisfied. Such as are in necessitie, may here finde the riches and treasures of life. The desolate, heere meete with comfort: The sicke, heere finde physicke and health for their soules. Such as are ouerladen with their sinnes, are here disburdened in their consciences: And they which are

are assaild by death, doe heere meete with life that cannot be molested.

Helpe vs then, O good God, that this blessed Sacrament which wee haue receiued, may auaile to our saluation: And that heereafter, wee may retaine the fulnesse of our hope: without any wauering, because thou art faithfull in all thy promises. And let vs haue care one of another, such as may incite vs to charity and good workes, neuer forsaking our holy assembly, but alwaies comforting one another therein.

And this is to be done so much the more respectiuely (because we see the day draweth on, and the end of our life approacheth neere) Onely to make vs the more able, to awaite (in ioyfull expectation)

on) thy blessed and most gracious comming. So be it.

## Another Thanksgiuing to the same purpose.

LORDE Iesus Christ, Lambe of God, I render thee most hearty thankes, because thou didst offer thy selfe to thy louing Father, a sweet smelling Sacrifice for our sins, and hast appeased all the wrath and displeasure, which was iustly heaped vp against vs.

Thou didst institute this blessed Sacrament, to make vs remember and assure our selues thereof: By giuing vs therein thy true body to eat, and thy very blood to drinke, to the

the faithfull receiuer.

Thou didst speake it: Doe this at all times in remembrance of me. Giuing vs thereby to vnderstand, that so oftentimes as wee eat of this bread and drink of this Cup, we are bound to declare thy death. As also to publish and make known, what thou hast won and conquered for vs: namely, forgiuenesse of our sinnes, endlesse life and saluation.

I beseech thee by thy bitter passion and death, to assist me, that I may partake more often in deuotion, true zeale, and worth of this holy Banquet. And that I may consider, how much thou hast labored for me: what paines thou hast suffered to redeem me, and how great charity thou hast shewed vnto me.

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So that I may bee the more excited thereby, with heart and mouth daily to thanke thee, for all thy graces & benifits. Loving thee reciprocallie, with all my might and vttermost power, and so bee found vnreproueable in the path of thine ordenances.

If I chance to slip or fall by infirmitie, giue mee grace to rise againe quickly to thee. And that I may bee throughly comforted in this newe and perpetuall league, or couenaunt of thy Heauenly charity and goodnesse towards me.

Graut that by this blessed Sacrament, I may bee vnited and incorporated, into one selfe same flesh and blood with thee. That I may followe thee patiently in all aduersities, con-

continually seeking those thinges which are aboue, and adhering by firme faith to thee, as to my only head and Lord.

Moreouer, because (by this Sacrament) wee are bound to brotherly loue, and to bee faithfull one to another, (in regard, that as the bread and wine is made of many grains and grapes, so we in like maner (being many) ought also to be united with thee, in one and the same spirituall bodie) Strengthen vs, that we participating of one bread, and of one Cup: may likewise intirely loue one another, euen as thy true members. And that (aboue all things) we may throw off all anger, hatred, or enuie, hartely pardoning others, as thou already hast pardoned vs.

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To the end, that liuing hencefoorth together in brotherly loue and loyall affection: We may enter at the last day, with thee our Bride-groome, to the eternall Banquet in thy heauenly Kingdome. So be it.

## A Prayer for one that is Sicke.

LOrd and heauenly Father, thou art a iust God, and sufferest none to be tempted beyond their power: But with the temptation thou giuest the issue, so that with patience they may support it. I heartely pray vnto thee, that in my greate necessities and griefes, my burden may not be ouer big or waighty

Streng-

Strengthen me in such sort, that I may patiently beare all, and neuer bee distrustfull of thy mercie. Iesus Christ, Son of the liuing God, who for mee didst suffer the torments of the Crosse, and last of all dyedst a most bitter death for my sinnes: I cry vnto thee from the depth of my heart, to take pitty on mee a poore miserable sinner.

Pardon me al my transgressions, which in my whole life time I haue committed against thee, and let mee neuer faile in faith towards thee. God the holy Ghost, in all distresses the truest comforter, preserue me in patience and right calling vppon thee, sanctifie me by stedfast confidence. And neuer leaue mee in my latest necessities: but then leade me

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out of this vale of miserie, to thy heauenly Kingdom my true home. So be it.

Another to the same effect.

Almighty God and Heauenlie Father, thou hast commaunded vs, to call vpon thee in all our necessities, and hast promised to heare vs, and giue vs cause to glorifie thee. I call vnto thee now in my grieuous affliction, desiring thee in Iesus Christ thy deare Son, neuer to forsake me a poore miserable sinner.

And if this sickneſſe of mine be not deadly, giue me grace to recouer again by thy mercy. To the end, I may tell and recount to others, the power and ver-

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tue thou hast exercised on me.

But if it bee better for me, to dye speedily, then longer time to abide in this miserable life: Lord let thy will bee done on earth, as it is in Heauen.

Let mee alwaies (as is best for mee) commit my selfe wholly to thy wil, and preserue me to my ending, in true faith, memory, and Christian knowledge. Let me neuer be sundred from thee, but receiue my soule vp into thy Kingdome: for thy deare Sonnes sake Iesus Christ my Sauiour. So be it.

## Another.

Most powerful GOD, that art gracious, mercifull, patient, of great goodnesse and faithfulnes, in pardoning our sinnes and iniquities: I humbly beseech thee, (in grace) to forgiue me all mine offences, confirming and keeping my soule, against all temptations whatsoeuer. Come to mine aide and assistance, that my faith waner not: my hope faile me not, nor my charity wexe colde: neither suffer mee through humaine infirmitie, to fall by the dreadfull terrors of death. Likewise, when mine houre shall be come, let mee depart in peace, for mine eies haue seene

seene thy saving health: which thou didst prepare before all peoples faces: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

I hope and trust in thee my Saviour, Lord let mee neuer fall into confusion, for thou art my helpe and strength. Behold me with the eies of thy mercy, and turne thy fatherly countenance towards me: in Iesus Christ thy Sonne, who by his passion and death, purchased eternal redemption for me. So be it.

Another.

FAther of all grace, take pitie on my poore soule, pardon all the sinnes, which I haue committed

against thee.

Despise not thy poore creature, neither cast me away, that am the worke of thy hands, let not that bee lost, which thou hast made and created.

For I trust in thee, thou art my GOD and helper. Christ my true Saviour, the Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the worlde, and hast washed and cleansed mee in thy blood: I pray thee by thy passion, which thou didst principally suffer, when thy noble soule departed out of thy most holy body: to take compassion likewise on my poore soule, when it shall part hence, and be led by thee to everlasting life. God the holy Ghost, thou most kinde cōforter, preserue my hart against all temptations of the

the wicked enemie: and so confirme my confidence, that I may vndoubtedly beleeue, the forgiuenesse of my sinnes, and hope for life eternall. O blessed Trinity, I commend my spirit into thy hands: thou God art faithfull, and thou that hast redeemed mee, liuest and reignest in all eternitie. So be it.

A Prayer for such as do come to visite the sicke person in his extremitie.

God and omnipotent God, that preserueſt our liues in death, we pray that it would please thee, to turn the eies of thy mercie towards this poore sick man, ease his afflictions

in soule and body, and (in grace) forgiue him all his sinnes. Accept the sacrifice, of the innocent death of thy deare Sonne Iesus Christ, as a full satisfaction for all his iniquities: For hee was baptized in his name, and is washed and made cleane in his precious blood.

Asswage his paines and anguishes, keep him from all accusations of conscience, and the subtill temptations of the wicked aduersarie: that he may valiantly fight in firme faith, holde out to the end, and obtaine the victorie.

Grant him a happy entrance into endlesse life, & send thine Angels to conduct him into the assembly of thine elect, through Iesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. So be it.

Other

# OTHER GODLY AND CHRISTIAN Prayers, for particular purposes.

## 1. For Souldiers that serue as Sentinels, or keepe watch in the Court of guard.

OUr GOD, Father and Sauiour, since it hath pleased thee to bee so gracious to vs, in safety to suffer vs to ouerpasse this night, and bring vs once more to behold the chearefull day light: wee render

thee thanks therfore, from the bottome of our hearts. And humbly beseech thee, that as thou sufferest the Sunne to shine vpon the earth, lending vs thereby our bodily light: so thou wouldst illuminate & prepare our soules, by the bright splendor of thy blessed Spirit, to followe the direct way of righteousnesse, vnder thy holy conduct and protection all our whole life time, pardoning vs all our passed offences, for Jesus Christes sake our Lord and Saviour.

Moreover, since it pleaseth thee to imploy vs this day, as guard to this Citie, Towne or place, let thy grace effectually perswade vs, that this is an acceptable service to thee: in discharging the same so faithfully as wee ought to doe,

doe, and not grudging, that wee watch when others are at quiet rest, who likewise are readie to doe as much for vs. Seeing also, that we are taught and assured by thy holy word, that all vigilancie, industrie and might of men is vnprofitable, and can serue to no vse, except thou (O God of Hostes) lay too thy helping hand, for without thy sacred prouidence, wee can neither watch, warde nor warre: May it therefore please thee, to be the Chieftaine in our company, as well to giue vs wisedome, aduise and direction, for the better ordering of our charge: as also to make benefit of our labour, thou continuing still with vs, and day by day defending vs vnder thy protection.

So shall we haue cause, to bleſſe thy ſacred name here below in thy Church, and afterward (aboue) in all perpetuitie. Through our Lorde Jeſus Chriſt: who hath taught vs how to aſke theſe thinges, and all other that are needefull for vs, and generally for all of Chriſtian faith, in ſaying: O our Father. &c.

For the Euening.

ORd God and Father, we render thee hartie thanks, becauſe (by thy goodneſſe) we haue ſo well paſſed this preſent day, following the charge whereunto it pleaſed thee to call vs.

But becauſe there are many defaillances in vs, and that if thou ſhouldſt iudge

iudge vs according to thine owne vprightneſſe, thou wouldeſt finde vs guiltie of manie greate faults: wee doe therefore here humble our ſelues in thy preſence, confeſſing, that we are poore and miſerable ſinners.

We beſeech thee alſo, according to thine owne bleſſed promiſe, in the name of Jeſus Chriſt, thy onely Sonne and our onely Mediatour: to couer and hide all our iniquities, euen as now thou wrappeſt vp the earth in the cloudie obſcuritie of dark night, giuing vs grace, that during this dim ſeaſon, and the whole remainder of our liues hereafter, we may walk in the feare and reuerence of thy holy name.

Moreouer, in regard we are to watch this night, to giue

giue leysure and respite for the whole body of the Cittie to repose themselues: wee beseech thee to enable vs, to performe our duties chearfully and with good courage, that the watching appointed to vs, may not seeme painfull or burdenous: but each one to keep his order peaceably, and all to holde good agreement together.

O thou great GOD of Armies, suffer vs not to vse the darkenesse of this night dishonestly, vnfaithfully, or as a cloake to idle slothfulnesse: but let vs know that thou art an eye witnesse of all mens actions, in all places where & howsoeuer, let vs walk then in thy feare, according to the direction of thy holy word.

Because also thou reserues

ſeruest vnto thy ſelfe, the honor of garding Towns and Cities, as in meere right it appertaineth onely to thee: we intreat thee, to bee Preſident in the midſt of vs, giue direction to our Vigilance, and make it ſo proſperous, that wee may acknowledge in all humilitie, we neither can or ought to depend vpon any, but only thee.

Sende downe thy holy Angels, and let them pitch their Tents round about this Towne and vs all, to preſerue it and vs from forrain inuaſion: Let their mighty power protect and guide vs, leaſt it and we be vanquiſhed, and ouer-runn by the enemie.

Let them watch alſo with vs, and keepe vs in ſafety.

Defend

Defend and preserue vs, from the hands of our enemies visible and invisible, and keepe vs continually in thy safegard: that wee may euermore praise thy name, and render thee thankes in Iesus Christ our Lord. So be it.

A Prayer to be said before a man begins his worke, or any Labour.

LORD, our good God and Father, since it hath pleased thee to command, that all humaine Creatures shall labour, and eate their bread in the sweat of their browes, while they remaine in this life, & yet seeing (without thy blessing) no one cã prosper, or receiue any good succesſe

ſucceſſe in his affaires: we humbly beſeech thee, that thou wouldſt bleſſe our labours in ſuch ſort, as thereby wee may haue iuſt occaſion to confeſſe the goodneſſe, aſſiſtance, and fatherly care which thou takeſt of vs.

Moreouer Lord, let thy holy Spirit be our director, to the end wee may faithfully exerciſe the workes of our eſtate & vocation, without any fraud, colluſion or deceipt. And giue vs grace, rather to regard the following of thine ordenance, then to ſatiſfie the appetite of our owne ſinfull fleſh, which couets to inrich it ſelfe by any meanes whatſoeuer.

Nenertheleſſe, and if it be thy pleaſure, to proſper our endeuours, graunt vs alſo chearfull diſpoſitions,

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to helpe and succour such as are needy, according to thy talents bestowed vpon vs. And let vs keepe within the bounds of humility, not puffing our selues vp aboue the poore, by that which we inioy, but by thy bounty and goodnesse. But if it be thy will so to deale with vs, as to abase and impouerish vs, farre beyond the fraile affections of fleshly nature: yet vouchsafe to enrich vs another way, with cleauing faithfully to thy promises, whereby wee shall no way fall into distrust, but rather be more certainly assured, that thou wilt neuer forsake vs in the extremity of our wants.

Enable vs patiently to attend thy leysure, when thou shalt againe replenish vs with thy graces, not

not only temporall, but also those which are Spirituall: receiuing thereby daily more ample occasion, to giue thee praise and thanks, and to expect all things from thee. Heare vs Father of mercy, in Iesus Christ, thy Sonne and our Sauiour. So be it.

## Thanksgiuing to be vsed after his labour or worke is finished.

O Lord my God, I render thee harty thanks, because thou hast preserued me from infinite dangers, which might haue happened to oppresse and ouerwhelme me, all the while I haue beene about my businesse, if thou (Lord) hadst not carefullie regarded, and

and kept me from any euil inconueniences.

Nowe therefore, most louing Father, I humbly entreate thee for Iesus Christes sake, to pardon all the faults which I haue offended thee in, during the time of my labour, or otherwise. Punish me not in thine anger, nor reprehend mee in thy heauie displeasure: although I haue shewen my selfe worse then I ought to haue done, both towards thee, and on my neighbours behalfe.

Worke in mee so by the efficacie of thy blessed Spirit, that henceforward I may walke in much greater integritie, and respectiuely performe those duties, which are required in the vocation of true Christians: to the ende, that though I trauaile in body, yet

yet in spirit and affection I may serue thee O God, and glorifie thy name in all mine actions.

Giue mee grace (willingly) to offend no person, but rather let mee endeuour to edifie euery one, by those meanes which (in this life) thou hast lent me.

Leade and guide me by thy word and sanctifying Spirit, in all truth and honest conuersation, neuer swaruing from the direct path of thy commaundements: that finally, it may bring mee to life euerlasting, through Iesus Christ my Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

A Prayer

## A Prayer for a young man, that prepares himselfe for Mariage.

O God, Eternall & most powerfull Father, heere I prostrate my [illegible] before thee, giuing [illegible]e thanks with hart and [illegible]outh: for forming me in [illegible]e woombe of my Mother, [illegible]d suffering mee to bee [illegible]me such as I am, maintaining me likewise from [illegible]outh to this instant, [illegible]preserving mee from [illegible]e euils. For it is [illegible] thy prouidence [illegible] fatherly blessing, that I [illegible]aue attained to the yeares I now am in: and in that time by thy holy [illegible]ord thou hast taught me to [illegible]owe, thy beloued Sonne

Sonne Iesus Christ, the onely happinesse that a Christian can haue, because (in the true knowledge of him) eternal life consisteth, and therefore I cannot sufficiently praise thee, for all the great benefits thou hast bestowed on me.

Neuertheless, because thou hast commanded vs, to call vpon thee in all our necessities, & most louingly also hast promised to heare vs, let it now please thee graciously to helpe me.

For I haue found and proued, that in regarde of mine owne natures corruption, I cannot continue chaste and blameless: except I vse the meanes which thou hast instituted, and by thy holy word hast also approoued the same, saying: To auoyde whoredome,

dome, let euery man haue his wife, and euery woman her husband. Then I beseech thee, in mercie, to lend me thy helping hand, and so to blesse me and my Parents, that in this intended matter, we may not be abused by any exterior appearance, either of beauty, riches or deceiuing speeches, which may fore-runne or preiudge this businesse. But, as thy word saith: A vertuous wife is a gift which comes onely from thee: And as it is most certaine, that not onely thou gauest Eue to Adam: but didst likewise coniovne Abraham with Sara, Isaack with Rebecca, and Iacob, with his best esteemed Rachel: Euen so I entreat thee, O Father of lights (from whom euery good and perfect gift proceedeth) not onely to be my

my Father, but also to appoint me my fellow-partner, in regard, thou oughtest to be the authour and actor in so weighty a businesse. Send downe thy holy Angels, to bee my guide and leader towards her, whom thou hast prepared for me, as thou madest them (in like case) seruants to Abraham & young Tobias. Then let me meet her, enioy her, and liue with her, in thy feare and fauour. O Lorde Iesus Christ, may it please thee with thy benediction, to be present at my mariage, as thou didst vouchsafe to honour that at Cana in Galilee.

Graunt that those waters of miserie, affliction and temptation, which may seeke to drowne so blessed a dignitie: by thy power

power and most gracious goodnesse, may bee changed into good and delicious wines, to beare vs aboue all extremities with patience. Chase away Asmodeus, the enemie to mariage, and all other malitious fiends farre from our dwelling, & giue vs grace, that wee fearing thee, O Father, Sonne and holy Ghost, may walke faithfully in thy waies. To the end, that we may obtaine the largesse of those things from thee, which thou knowest much better then wee can, or doe, to be necessarie for this life, and that which is to come. So be it.

A Prayer

## A Prayer for a young Maiden, or a Widdow preparing to mariage.

Almighty God, who onely makest mens endeuours to prosper in this worlde: for without thine aide and blessing, whatsoeuer they doe, cannot come to good. I thy poore creature, who̅ neuertheless thou hast vouchsafed, to receiue into thine alliance, by the holy Sacrament of Baptisme: doe heere present my selfe before thee, beseeching thee, in the name of Jesus thy beloued Sonne, to stretch forth thy hand and helpe me. To the end, that if it bee thy will I shall marrie, thou mayest guide and lead me to a vertuous

yoake-fellow, with whom I may liue according to thy wil, so long as we shal continue together. It was thou O God, that gauest Eue to Adam, and didst addresse the seruant of Abraham towards Rebecca, that shee might bee wife to the Patriarch Isaack.

Thou didst sende thine Angel with young Tobias, to deliuer Sara the daughter of Raguell, out of the poore, desolate and opprobrious condition wherein she then liued, and to match her in mariage with the said Tobias. This is not a case of chaunce or fortune, neither guided by mens wisedome, or heaping vp goods together. It often comes to passe, that after one hath plodded, and carefully considered all circumstances and causes thereto

ther, Lord, and Sauiour of all Christian women, and wilt make them partakers of thy graces ioyes and comforts eternall: wherefore my husband, my selfe, my children and all mine, I commend now and euermore into thy hands. So be it.

A Prayer for a Childe, when his Parents prouide him or her a Maister or Mistresse, to learne any Mysterie.

ETernall Son of God, who was borne in pouertie and miserie, to the end we might be inriched, and in thy youth did willingly humble thy selfe, to learn and exercise the trade of a Carpenter, submit-

ting thy selfe there in to Ioseph, and to the most blessed virgin thy Mother. My deare Parents, at this instant, are likewise appointing mee to a mysterie and service, which I beseech thee (good God) that I may learne diligently, labour in faithfully, behauing my selfe alwaies like an honest childe: and that (in recompence of my Parents loue and paines) I may be able to stand them in some helpful stead, when they growe into yeares or other infirmities, to repay backe some small portion of their tender care ouer me, in my younger yeares. Thou gatherest and assemblest thy Church by thy word, euen of all sorts of people, & thou wilt be serued, honoured and praised, as well by men of trade or occu-

occupation, as any other beſide, becauſe thou haſt no reſpect of perſons by outward appearance. Therefore I aſſure my ſelfe, that thou wilt not reiect my prayer, but liſten vnto it in thy mercy, and in the name of Ieſus Chriſt my alone Sauiour. So be it.

A Prayer befitting any Father and Mother, ſending their Children forth to Schoole.

O God, Creator of heauen and earth, the ordainer & preſeruer of marriage, ſince in thy great mercie thou haſt giuen vs children, and haſt likewiſe receiued them into thine alliance, regenerating them by water & the holy Ghoſt in

blessed Baptisme, to the end, that they might be thy children. And in regard withall, thou hast very seriously commanded, that they should be brought vp in thy feare, and according to thine instruction: Behold Lord, those children which thou hast giuen me, I am sending them forth to Schoole, to be taught and instructed as best becommeth them. But because without thine aide, we can doe nothing, Lord God, Father of lights, to thee I commend their studies: for it is onely thou that canst make them wise, learned and happy. Giue them thy sanctified Spirit, and make them organes of good endeuours, to glorifie thee, serue in thy Church, and raise vp to vs comfort and contentment. Thou didst teach

teach and enstruct the Prophet Samuel, in the Schoole of Heli, and madest him become an excellent personage: as thou didst the like by King Salomon, enstructing him in the schoole of the Prophet Nathan. Then safely may I recommend to thee, (thou Lord of all learning) these children of mine: in the name of thy deare Sonne Iesus Christ, the principall Doctour of all the faithfull, who bleſſe and bring them vp in his feare and trueth. So be it.

A man Seruants Prayer.

O Lord God, euerliuing Father, who hast appointed, since sinne first entred into the world, that there should be Maisters

sters and Seruants, and didst heare Abrahams seruant crying to thee: I now addresse my selfe to thy diuine Maiestie, because seruice is necessarie for me, to maintaine mee in this life, and beseech thee, O most louing Father, to prouide for mee among good people, that may not hinder me from hearing thy word, but rather giue mee occasion by their good example, to seeke those things which appertaine to my saluation. Assist mee also by thy holy Spirit, that I may render them good & faithfull seruice, and truly take charge of whatsoeuer they trust me withall.

Bleſſe (O God) my labours, and extend thy benediction on those affaires I shall manage: that thy grace gouerning me, while

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I serue heere on earth, I may afterward be an heire and fellowe Citizen (by Iesus Christes meanes) in the Kingdome of Heauen. Thy mercie was so great, to the Centurions seruant of Capernaum, that hee found a good Maister. Thou didst likewise so louingly respect poore Ioseph, when hee was a seruant, that all thinges prospered vnder his handes: I say no more, deare Sauiour, but be as merciful to me a poore willing Seruant, and as thou hast appointed, let me rest contented. So be it.

## A Maid Seruants Prayer.

MY Lord and Sauiour seeing thou hast called mee to this estate and condition, that I must serue to sustaine life, and gaine those benefites necessarily belonging thereto: I submit my selfe gladly to thy prouidence and appointment. For I knowe, thou didst not disdaine to speake to poore Hagar, who was Abrahams seruant, & thou didst likewise prouide good Mistresses for Billha and Zilpha. Let mee then poore Maide entreat thy Maiestie, to prouide an honest place for me, where too much rigour, seueritie and hard vsage may not be shewen mee. Giue mee grace

grace also, to render them faithfull seruice, carying alwaies a good conscience, and keeping my selfe chast and honest: with dutifull obedience to my Mistresse, vsing her children louingly, and ordering my Maisters businesse as it becommeth me. Extend thy blessing on all my endeuors, that I neither waste, spoile or destroy any thing. Let fire or other casualties (through my negligence) no way harme my Maisters house, and set a locke vpon my lips, that by euill words, I giue no occasion of strife or dissention, but rather, that I may procure peace, amitie and concord, so much as lieth in my power to doe. Thou knowest, O God, much better then I, what is needfull for me, and thy word teacheth

cheth mee, that with thee there is no respect of persons: but thou hearest the small, as well as the great, the poore as the rich, when they pray vnto thee, in the mediation of Iesus Christ. So be it.

## A Prayer for Children to vse, when their Father is forth on any voyage or iourney.

ALmighty God, heauenly Father, who hast graciously promised vs, that whatsoeuer we aske in the name of thy Sonne Iesus Christ, it shall be graunted vs: Thou knowest and perceiuest, that wee haue now very great occasion to pray vnto thee: because our louing and deare Father

ther, is at this instant from his owne home, and in what perill or danger wee know not, only to support his honest vocation, and to supply what we shall haue need of. We intreat therefore thy heauenly Maiesty, to blesse and keepe him in all his waies, in euerie place where hee trauailes, and all occasions he is imployed in. Sende downe thy holy Angels, to preserue him from harmes, and as young Tobias was assisted by Raphaell the Archangel: so giue grace to our kinde Father, that hee may well and happily perfect his affaires, and then returne home safe and in health to his house. For hee hath instructed, and brought vs vp in thy feare, and prouides at all times what is expedient for vs.

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Sende him home ſucceſſfully (O Father of Heauen) let our Mother meete him louingly, our kinred greete him heartily, our ſelues and his whole houſhold welcome him dutifully, and all of vs liue together in ioy and proſperity, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. So be it.

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